



Board of Commissioners

Ordinance

B2022-095

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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Sponsor: Economic Growth and Community Investment

Meeting Date: 4/5/2022

Title: Proposed Community and Economic Development Department Ordinance

File Number: 2022-162

Background and Rationale:

In February 2015, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopted a new vision, mission and set of goals to provide strategic direction that aligns staff, departments and county programs to better serve Ramsey County's residents and businesses. The Ramsey County Board gave its support to the County Manager's efforts to realign the county's organizational structure so that Ramsey County could fulfill its commitment to operating as a county of excellence.

The realignment began by organizing departments under Service Teams led by a Deputy County Manager. Within this reorganization, the community and economic development function, staff and budget were moved from the County Manager's Office to the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team. Community and Economic Development has functioned as a de facto department since that time.

In 2021, as part of a broad effort to improve policy management and compliance, the County Manager's Office coordinated a comprehensive review of county policy documents, including the Administrative Code. This review identified that Community and Economic Development had never formally been established as a department.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve the Proposed Community and Economic Development Department Ordinance

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Frethem.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, and Ortega

Absent: - 1: Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board



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An ordinance requiring the establishment of the Community and Economic Development Department

WHEREAS, The community and economic development function resides in the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of Community and Economic Development as a department will formalize a de facto organizational structure, including budget and Full-Time Equivalents; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of the County to establish the Community and Economic Development Department within the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter requires that the establishment, structure, merger or abolishment of a department, office, agency, board or commission, must occur by approval of an ordinance; Now, Therefore, Be It

ORDAINED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the establishment of the Community and Economic Development Department.