



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into Educational Tobacco Compliance Check annual plan agreement / contract with Minnesota Department of Human Services.

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BACKGROUND:

The Police Department is interested in collaborating with Minnesota Department of Human Services to conduct annual tobacco compliance checks. This program is educational in purpose and does not impose a penalty for noncompliance. If authorized, a GRPD Staff member will conduct the 22 educational tobacco compliance checks on the 22 locally licensed tobacco vendors by June 30, 2026. Per contract, the City of Grand Rapids would be compensated \$50 per compliance check. GRPD has considerable history and recognizes the value in participating in this program.

GRPD also participates in another annual Tobacco Compliance Check per MN Statute 461.12 that does impose fines for noncompliance.

All 22 compliance checks were completed by GRPD personnel prior to the June 30, 2026 deadline.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion authorizing the Police Department to enter into annual plan agreement / contract with Minnesota Department of Human Services allowing for 2026 Educational Tobacco Compliance Checks.