



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** April 8, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider letter of support for HF 4461/SF 4455 to reduce the market demand and reselling of copper wire in our state.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Legislation has been introduced that would require a license to sell scrap copper wire. This proposed measure is aimed at deterring theft by creating accountability and traceability in the copper wire supply chain. By regulating the sale of scrap copper wire, we can significantly reduce the incentive for theft and disrupt the illicit market demand for stolen copper wire.

It is modeled after the newly-passed law that requires all detached catalytic converters to be marked with VIN numbers. If this legislation is passed, the Minnesota Department of Commerce would administer the licensing process.

This is not just a Saint Paul or Twin Cities issue; it is a statewide problem that requires collaborative efforts of lawmakers and all municipalities.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to approve letter of support for HF 4461/SF 4455 and authorize Mayor's signature on behalf of the Grand Rapids City Council.