

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROTECT THE RIGHT OF VOTERS
REGARDING THE PROVISION OF UTILITY SERVICE**

- (1) **WHEREAS:** Grand Rapids Public Utilities is a valuable public asset through which the City of Grand Rapids maintains and perpetuates significant self-investment and public services made currently and by past generations to promote the general welfare of City residents; and
- (2) **WHEREAS:** such investments contribute to ensuring and preserving the financial stability and fiscal integrity of the city's overall financial structure and credit rating; and
- (3) **WHEREAS:** such public services ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable utility service to all residents and users in the City at reasonable rates subject to the control and regulation of the City; and
- (4) **WHEREAS:** access to service should be provided for all uses necessitated by all residents and entities of the City; and
- (5) **WHEREAS:** the utility and its services are vital to the continued planned and orderly growth of the City; and
- (6) **WHEREAS:** the right of the citizens of Grand Rapids to determine the disposition of their municipal utilities through referendum is protected due to enactment of 1949 Minnesota Laws Chapter 119, section 42, codified as Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.321, subdivision 4:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA:

The City shall continue to own and operate the City's municipal utilities through its Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission unless and until, two-thirds of voters voting in a general or special election approve an ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council, concurred in by the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission, to lease or sell the utility or discontinue its operation, wholly or in part, as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.321, subdivision 4.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA,
THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20__.

Attested:

Mayor

City Clerk