

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION 22-**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSING AND LOCAL DECISION-MAKING
AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, local elected decision-makers are in the best position to determine the health, safety, and welfare regulations that best serve the unique needs of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, zoning regulation is an important planning tool that benefits communities economically and socially, improves health and wellness, and helps conserve the environment; and

WHEREAS, local zoning regulation allows communities to plan for the use of land transparently, involving residents through public engagement; and

WHEREAS, cities across the state are keenly aware of the distinct housing challenges facing their communities and they target those local housing challenges with available tools; and

WHEREAS, multiple bills restricting local decision-making related to housing have been introduced in the 2021-2022 biennium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS that this Council supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that restricts the ability for local elected officials to respond to the needs of their communities.

LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED that this Council supports housing policy that advances solutions to support full housing spectrum solutions, local innovation, incentives instead of mandates, and community-specific solutions throughout Minnesota.

ADOPTED by the Grand Rapids City Council this 14th day of March, 2022.

Dale Christy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Gibeau, City Clerk