



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: July 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider entering into a **Joint** Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the State Fire Marshal and the City of Grand Rapids to conduct all hotel inspections in the City of Grand Rapids.

PREPARED BY: Travis Cole-Fire Chief

BACKGROUND:

Before being hired back to the City of Grand Rapids as full time Fire Chief, I (Travis Cole) was employed with the State of MN as a Deputy State Fire Marshal on the Residential Care and Lodging team. Our primary job task was inspecting all Board and lodging establishments (hotels/motels) with 6 or more guest rooms throughout the state. I covered 9 counties in the NE part of MN. Minnesota statutes require these facilities to be inspected once, every 3 years with a fee applying to all establishments with 35 or more guest rooms. At the May 8, 2023 council meeting, City Council authorized renewing our **Joint** Powers Agreement with the State of MN to conduct all hotel inspections within our Governmental Units jurisdiction in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 299F.46 and to assure uniform enforcement throughout the State of Minnesota. This agreement was for 3 years and must now be renewed. The new JPA will be effective from July 1, 2026, with an expiration date of June 30th, 2029.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion entering into an agreement and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the attached **Joint** Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the State Fire Marshal and the City of Grand Rapids