

IMPORTANT SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Authorization to execute grant agreements/amendments can be conferred by:

- 1) Statute, 2) Bylaws, or 3) Resolution

Resolution is not needed if the authorized officials below are signing the grant agreement. These officials may confer their grant signing authority to others by resolution, and they are the only acceptable signature on a resolution:

Statutory Cities	Mayor and City Clerk
County	Board Chair and Clerk of the Board
Non-Profit	Board Chair, or official authorized in bylaws

Legal authority for signing contracts for cities and counties is identified in statute. If not signed by the office/official(s) identified in statute, the authority may be delegated by resolution from the city council or county board. If a resolution delegates to more than one person and if the word “**and**” is used between the names, then **all named individuals must sign**. If a resolution uses the word “**or**” between the names, then **either individual may sign** the contract.

Statutory Cities: MS. 412.201 Execution of instruments

“Every contract, conveyance, license or other written instrument shall be executed on behalf of the city by the mayor and clerk, with the corporate seal affixed, and only pursuant to authority from the council.”

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=412.201>

Home Rule Charter Cities: MS. 410. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth are the three Home Rule Charter Cities, sometimes referred to as “Cities of the First Class”. All three cities pass Resolutions that name an office/official(s) as authorized to sign a contract.

County Board: MS. 375.13 Chair

“The county board, at its first session in each year, shall elect from its members a chair and a vice-chair. The chair shall preside at its meetings and sign all documents requiring signature on its behalf. The chair’s signature, attested by the clerk of the county board, shall be binding as the signature of the board. In case of the absence or incapacity of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform the chair’s duties. If the chair or the vice-chair are absent from any meeting, all documents requiring the signature of the board shall be signed by a majority of it and attested by the clerk.”

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=375.13>