



RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0821-01

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY'S INTENT TO PROCEED WITH THE
CONSOLIDATION OF THE MAPLE PLAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
WITH THE WEST SUBURBAN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH ALL NECESSARY
STEPS TO COMPLETE THIS CONSOLIDATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Independence recognizes the importance of providing efficient, effective, and sustainable fire protection services to its residents and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Maple Plain Fire Department and the West Suburban Fire District have engaged in discussions regarding the consolidation of services to improve operational efficiency, enhance service delivery, and ensure long-term fire services viability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Independence supports the consolidation effort and believes it is in the best interest of the community to proceed with the necessary steps to complete the consolidation by December 31, 2025.

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

1. The City of Independence hereby expresses its intent to proceed with the consolidation of the Maple Plain Fire Department and the West Suburban Fire District.
2. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to work with legal counsel, relevant stakeholders, and representatives of the West Suburban Fire District to prepare all necessary legal documents, lease agreements, and other materials required to complete the consolidation.
3. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to work with legal counsel and representatives of the Maple Plain Fire Commission to prepare all necessary legal

documents, amendments and other materials necessary to amend the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Maple Plain and the City of Independence.

4. The City Administrator shall ensure that all documents and agreements are prepared and finalized in a timely manner to allow for full implementation of the consolidation by December 31, 2025.
5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence on this 21st day of August 2025, by a vote of ____ ayes and ____ nays.

Brad Spencer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator