

**State of Minnesota
County of Watonwan**

RESOLUTION NO. 11.25.02

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NONPUBLIC CONVEYANCE OF HAZARDOUS TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the City of St. James has reviewed certain tax-forfeited properties located within the City limits that are currently unsafe, blighted, and pose ongoing public safety hazards to residents and neighboring properties; and

WHEREAS, Watonwan County has posted public notice for auction of these properties, which may result in private ownership without assurance of remediation or maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §282.01, Subdivision 7a, provides for the nonpublic sale of tax-forfeited land to governmental subdivisions for public purposes, including the elimination of nuisances and dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that these hazardous properties be remediated in a timely manner to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. James is prepared to assume responsibility for maintenance costs incurred during any statutory withholding period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, requested that Watonwan County:

- 1.** Withhold the identified tax-forfeited properties from the pending public auction.
 - a.** PID # 201510480; 717 6th Street North
 - b.** PID # 202760910; 405 6th Street North
 - c.** PID # 202760700; 411 4th Street North
 - d.** PID # 202760720; 315 4th Avenue North
- 2.** Conduct a nonpublic conveyance of the properties to the City of St. James for public purposes.
- 3.** Coordinate with the City of St. James regarding maintenance responsibilities and costs during any withholding period.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that the City Manager are authorized to take all necessary steps to communicate this request to the County and to act on behalf of the City to facilitate the acquisition of these properties for remediation and public safety purposes.

Adopted by the City Council this 4th day of November 2025.

Christopher Whitehead, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Hurley, City Clerk