

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
By Gordon**

**Adopting a voluntary registration plan for public rallies during the Republican National Convention of 2008:**

Whereas, the City Council wishes to protect the rights of all people to the orderly freedom of expression, speech, and association guaranteed by the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions; and

Whereas, the City Council also desires to protect the public safety and contribute to the City's preparedness to respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to encourage voluntary registration of public rallies so that the City can assist in protecting the rights of voluntary registrants and can be prepared to respond on the public's behalf to all emergencies,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That any person planning on holding any public rally in Minneapolis of any size during the Republican National Convention of 2008 is encouraged to register the rally with City staff assigned to coordinate such rallies.

Be it further resolved that there is no charge to register a public rally.

Be it further resolved that a "public rally" refers to any meeting, demonstration, or gathering of persons for a common purpose in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public grounds in a place open to the general public. "Public rally" does not refer to parades or block parties, which are defined at M.C.O. 447.10 and M.C.O. 455.10, respectively.

Be it further resolved that any person who voluntarily registers a public rally will have the opportunity to meet with City staff regarding what services may be available from the City for the public rally such as mapping services, safety barriers, amplified sound equipment, and advice regarding compliance with the all laws of the City.

Be it further resolved that voluntary registrants and participants in any public rally are expected to obey all laws of the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, and United States of America, including all laws pertaining to the proper permitting and conduct of parades and block parties, laws pertaining to the use of amplified sound, laws pertaining to blocking or impeding traffic on any city street, and laws pertaining to the sidewalks, walkways and the flow of pedestrian traffic.

Be it further resolved that City staff is directed to provide written procedures for the processing of public rally registrations and shall make those documents available to the public

physically and electronically. City staff shall inquire as to the precise time, duration, location, and anticipated number of attendees for each public rally. City staff shall also provide voluntary registrants with information as to what services, if any, may be available during the public rally. City staff shall further assist voluntary registrants in finding suitable and safe locations in the public domain. City staff shall report to the Public Service & Regulatory Services Committee of the City Council no later than June 25, 2008 with specific written procedures.

Be it further resolved that City staff is directed to coordinate and cooperate with other political subdivisions, including the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, to the fullest extent possible and as authorized by joint powers agreements or other legal authority on scheduling and providing safe and available forums for public rallies.

Be it further resolved that City staff is directed to work with the communications department to provide web-based and other communication regarding the benefits of voluntary registration of public rallies, including the services the City can provide in exchange for voluntary registration. City staff is further directed to provide information on the proposed size, location, and times of public rallies to any member of the public. City staff shall report to the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee of the City Council no later than June 25, 2008.