

City of Minneapolis
City Council Resolution

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Responding to Hennepin County Resolution 04-8-390 offering the City of Minneapolis no-cost public safety dispatching.

Whereas, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, in Resolution 04-8-390, authorized the offering of converting over to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Public Safety Answering Point at no cost; and

Whereas, The Hennepin County Resolution stated that the invited cities (which included Hennepin County suburbs in addition to Minneapolis) must notify the Sheriff, in writing, by November 30, 2004 of their commitment to do this; and

Whereas, the Hennepin County Resolution further resolves that if any of the cities chose not to participate, that city will not have the opportunity to be served at no cost for at least eight years from this commitment date; and

Whereas, Minneapolis 9-1-1 has more phone calls and dispatches than the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Dispatch in any given timeframe; and

Whereas, except for voice radio, the technology systems that Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office use are dissimilar; and

Whereas, some operational procedures differ between Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office; and

Whereas, public safety communications is a mission critical element supporting the life and death work of the Minneapolis Police and Fire Department; and

Whereas, consolidation efforts or partnerships should only be considered for this important life-safety function if safety for the public and the public safety responders is maintained or enhanced; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis wishes to enter into this partnership only if the cost to the taxpayers of Minneapolis and Hennepin County can be reduced by consolidation; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has determined that further study into this major possible change is required to make a fully-informed decision; and

Whereas, representatives of the City of Minneapolis, the Hennepin County Sheriff, and the Assistant County Administrator have discussed the acceptability of a response that doesn't give a "yes" or "no" to the Resolution, but agrees to give such answer after a thorough study is completed; and

Whereas, the aforementioned representatives agreed that this would be acceptable to them;

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

That the City Council authorizes City of Minneapolis City Coordinator to deliver a letter on behalf of the City of Minneapolis to the Hennepin County Sheriff stating that the City of Minneapolis would like to conduct and evaluate a study in 2005 before giving a final answer to the offer in Hennepin County Resolution 04-8-390.