



**Request for City Council Committee Action
from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: May 16, 2006

To: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Subject: Approval of the City of Rosemount and Dakota County as permanent members of the Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Zone Commission.

Recommendation: Authorize the proper city officers to execute an amendment to the Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Zone Commission joint powers agreement approving the addition of the City of Rosemount and Dakota County as permanent members.

Previous Directives: The City is party to an Amended and Restated Joint and Cooperative Agreement dated December 31, 1996 (original date December 22, 1993) governing the Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Zone Commission. An amendment is needed to add the City of Rosemount and Dakota County to the Commission.

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Approved by:

Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director CPED _____
Mike Christenson, Director of Economic Development _____

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval Not Applicable

Presenter in Committee: Tom Daniel, Manager of Economic Development
Andy Carlson, Business Services Specialist

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: N/A

City Goals: Increase the City's competitiveness and extend the benefits of the growing economy to all Minneapolis residents by providing opportunities that create more living wage jobs in the City.

Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Zoning Code: N/A

Other: N/A

Background/Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis is a member of the Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Zone Commission. The current permanent members of the Commission are the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), Hennepin County and the Cities of Bloomington and Minneapolis. In addition, the City of Rosemount and Dakota County have been approved as temporary members.

The Foreign Trade Zone Commission is a joint powers commission responsible for establishing, operating and maintaining foreign trade zones in the Minneapolis-St. Paul port of entry. Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) are a federal program and the Commission receives its authority through the U.S. Department of Commerce. FTZs can be used to store foreign or domestic goods without paying customs duties. Approximately fifty companies in the metropolitan area use the program.

The City of Rosemount and Dakota County have asked the current permanent members of the Commission to approve them as permanent members. This request requires action on the part of all permanent members' governing bodies. This action represents no additional costs to the City of Minneapolis.