

The Minneapolis Plan Policies

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Chapter 1	Community Building
1.1	Minneapolis will promote opportunities and activities that allow neighbors and residents to get to know each other better.
1.2	Minneapolis will encourage both private and public development that provides gathering spaces in city neighborhoods.
1.3	Minneapolis will encourage public institutions to coordinate their programming and facilities in order to function as neighborhood centers.
1.4	Minneapolis will encourage activities that rely on coordinated programming and facilities use with community partners in the volunteer, nonprofit and private sectors.
1.5	Minneapolis will promote neighborhood-based arts activities.
1.6	Minneapolis will promote community-based initiatives in youth programming.
1.7	Minneapolis will recognize and celebrate its history.
1.8	Minneapolis will take steps to eliminate discrimination against protected classes and promote a wider understanding of the value of diversity in our community.
1.9	Minneapolis will work to enhance the appeal of city living by improving residents' actual and perceived sense of safety and security.
1.10	Minneapolis will continue to support community-based initiatives to assure safety and to prevent crime in neighborhoods.
1.11	Minneapolis will intensify law enforcement and secure more convictions for criminal offenses.
1.12	Minneapolis will ensure that public safety infrastructure adequately meets residents' needs.
1.13	Minneapolis will protect and improve residents' health by preventing disease, disability and violence.
Chapter 2	The Market in the City
2.1	Minneapolis will increase its share of economic prosperity in the region.
2.2	Minneapolis will support the existing economic base by providing adequate land and infrastructure to make city sites attractive to

	businesses willing to invest in high job density and low impact, light industrial activity.
2.3	Minneapolis will continue to provide high quality physical infrastructure to serve the needs of business.
2.4	Minneapolis will develop its technological and information infrastructure in order to offer high quality working environments to businesses.
2.5	Minneapolis will focus resources and efforts on building a skilled and employable work force in livable wage occupations.
2.6	Minneapolis will focus resources and efforts on connecting residents to living wage jobs.
2.7	Minneapolis will continue to pursue the removal of barriers that prevent residents from holding living wage jobs.
2.8	Minneapolis will develop the existing economic base by emphasizing business retention and expansion.
2.9	Minneapolis will strengthen long-term confidence in the economy by building innovative public to private sector partnerships.
Chapter 3	Marketplaces: Growth Centers
3.1	Minneapolis will designate and develop selected Growth Centers which will be well served by transit and alternative transportation, have superior amenities, accommodate a range of housing needs and offer attractive employment opportunities.
3.2	Minneapolis has adopted Downtown 2010 as a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan and envisions downtown Minneapolis in the year 2010 as one of the nation's finest urban centers; a place of prosperity, civilization and civic pride, that will serve as the center for the metropolitan area, the state and surrounding region.
3.3	Minneapolis will create a Growth Center plan for the University of Minnesota/ SEMI area, similar to the Downtown 2010 plan which would guide decisions and investment in the area, recognizing the contributions from existing plans and planning processes.
3.4	Minneapolis will create a Growth Center plan for the South Phillips area, similar to the Downtown 2010 plan which would guide decisions and investment in the area, recognizing the contributions from existing plans and planning processes.
3.5	Minneapolis will establish priorities in the designation of future Growth Centers from the list of Potential Growth Centers in order to guide future changes in land use and development.
Chapter 4	Marketplaces: Neighborhoods
4.1	Minneapolis will encourage reinvestment along major urban corridors as a way of promoting growth in all neighborhoods.
4.2	Minneapolis will coordinate land use and transportation planning on designated Community Corridors streets through attention to the mix and intensity of land uses, the pedestrian character and residential livability of the streets, and the type of transit service provided on these streets.
4.3	Minneapolis will support development in Commercial Corridors where it enhances the street's character, improves its ability to accommodate automobile traffic and foster pedestrian movement, and expands the range of goods and services offered.

4.4	Minneapolis will continue to provide a wide range of goods and services for city residents, to promote employment opportunities, to encourage the use and adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings, and to maintain and improve compatibility with surrounding areas.
4.5	Minneapolis will identify Neighborhood Commercial Nodes that provide a shopping environment of small-scale retail sales and commercial services and are compatible with adjacent residential areas.
4.6	Minneapolis will support a limited number of Auto-Oriented Shopping Centers, while promoting their compatibility with the surrounding area and their accessibility to bus, bicycle and foot traffic.
4.7	Minneapolis will identify and support Activity Centers by preserving the mix and intensity of land uses and enhancing the design features of each area that give it a unique and urban character.
4.8	Minneapolis will enhance Downtown’s position as a regional retail center which provides a shopping experience that is entertaining and unique in the region.
4.9	Minneapolis will grow by increasing its supply of housing.
4.10	Minneapolis will increase its housing that is affordable to low and moderate income households.
4.11	Minneapolis will improve the availability of housing options for its residents.
4.12	Minneapolis will reasonably accommodate the housing needs of all of its citizens.
4.13	<i>ELIMINATED.</i>
4.14	Minneapolis will maintain the quality and unique character of the city's housing stock, thus maintaining the character of the vast majority of residential blocks in the city.
4.15	Minneapolis will carefully identify project sites where housing redevelopment or housing revitalization are the appropriate responses to neighborhood conditions and market demand.
4.16	Minneapolis will work closely with Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) planning and implementation to ensure that plans are consistent with the city’s Housing Policy.
4.17	Minneapolis will promote housing development that supports a variety of housing types at designated Major Housing Sites throughout the city.
4.18	Minneapolis will encourage both a density and mix of land uses in TSAs that both support ridership for transit as well as benefit from its users.
4.19	Minneapolis will require design standards for TSAs that are oriented to the pedestrian and bicyclist and that enforce traditional urban form.
4.20	Minneapolis will provide direct connections to transit stations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus riders.

4.21	Minneapolis recognizes that parking is a necessary part of the urban environment, but will limit the amount, location and design of parking in TSAs in order to encourage and support walking, bicycling, and transit use.
Chapter 5	Learning
5.1	Minneapolis will support the Minneapolis Public School's efforts to restructure its curriculum and instruction to improve student achievement.
5.2	Minneapolis will invest human and financial resources in nurturing healthy children and providing them with a safe school environment.
5.3	Minneapolis will encourage the further development of community connections to public schools.
5.4	Minneapolis will promote and expand opportunities for adult learning that recognize our diverse communities of interest.
5.5	Minneapolis will build on the educational activities of colleges, universities and technical schools in the Twin Cities region.
5.6	Minneapolis will support a strong library system with excellent services, programs and collections to meet a variety of informational and educational needs.
5.7	Minneapolis will expand access to digital information and communications technology.
5.8	Minneapolis will encourage the growth of partnerships and learning opportunities that prepare students for the world of work.
Chapter 6	Leisure & Culture
6.1	Minneapolis will identify, protect and manage environmental resources so that they contribute to residents' experience of nature, the parks system and the city.
6.2	Minneapolis will develop and support a system of urban parks and 'greenway' connections throughout the City.
6.3	Minneapolis will offer a diverse range of programming and recreational facilities for resident use.
6.4	Minneapolis will make parks secure, attractive places and ensure that these facilities are accessible, enjoyable and safe.
6.5	Minneapolis will continue to promote the economic and creative vitality of arts activities based in the city, both as a regional center for art with an international presence as well as a unique arts environment that responds to local specialty interests.
6.6	Minneapolis will continue to support the role of arts in tourism and community pride.
Chapter 7	Natural Ecology
7.1	Minneapolis will manage the use of the city's environmental resources (including air, water and land) in order to meet present needs while considering future concerns.

7.2	Minneapolis will support the current airport location but advocate measures to reduce its noise impact.
7.3	Minneapolis will control non-airport sources of noise pollution through the permit review process.
7.4	Minneapolis will encourage the planting and preservation of trees and other vegetation.
7.5	Minneapolis will protect and sustain its water resources.
7.6	Minneapolis will take measures to reduce water consumption and encourage water conservation.
7.7	Minneapolis will provide clean and ready to develop sites for business activity occurring within the city's boundaries.
7.8	Minneapolis will continue to support pollution prevention programs as an important first step in maintaining a healthy physical environment.
7.9	Minneapolis will make buildings more energy efficient.
7.10	Minneapolis will enhance the safety and appearance of our built environment through education, inspection and enforcement.
7.11	Minneapolis will operate waste management programs that focus on reducing solid waste, reusing and recycling materials.
7.12	Minneapolis will play a leadership role in setting up examples and pilot projects.
Chapter 8	Movement
8.1	Minneapolis will maintain and enhance the elements of a responsive transportation system through balancing the interests of economic development and neighborhood livability.
8.2	Minneapolis recognizes that most city streets continue to be places where people live and work, and secondarily function as methods of moving vehicles; reconciling inherent conflicts will require collaboration and compromise among stakeholders
8.3	Minneapolis will continue to build, maintain and require a pedestrian system which recognizes the importance of a network of private and public sidewalks which achieve the highest standards of connectivity and amenity.
8.4	Minneapolis will continue to build and maintain road infrastructure in order to assure resident and motorist safety and mobility within the city.
8.5	Minneapolis will strengthen the transportation system in favor of transit alternatives in order to make transit a better choice for a range of transportation needs.
8.6	Minneapolis will follow a policy of “Transit First” in order to build a more balanced transportation system than the current one.
8.7	Minneapolis will direct its share of regional growth to areas well served by transit, to existing and potential growth centers and along transit corridors.

8.8	Minneapolis will continue to aggressively pursue transit improvements in corridors which serve major transit origins and destinations, with the eventual goal of a region wide rail system, including Light Rail Transit (LRT) and commuter rail.
8.9	Minneapolis will work with Metro Transit to improve the focus, priority and overall service offered by the existing transit system.
8.10	Minneapolis will promote the accessibility of downtown Minneapolis by improving and balancing the existing transportation system.
8.11	Minneapolis will continue to enhance the opportunities for cyclist movement.
8.12	Minneapolis will facilitate the development of communications infrastructure to support the continued growth of the city's economic base.
Chapter 9	City Form
9.1	Minneapolis will continue to flourish as the 'City of the Waters', the financial capital of the Upper Midwest and the service center of the grain belt.
9.2	Minneapolis will continue to preserve the natural ecology and the historical features that define its unique identity in the region.
9.3	Minneapolis will support the preservation and expansion of the existing open space network, including greenways.
9.4	Minneapolis will promote preservation as a tool for economic development and community revitalization.
9.5	Minneapolis will support the development of residential dwellings of appropriate form and density.
9.6	Minneapolis will work with private and other public sector partners to invest in new development that is attractive, functional and adds value to the physical environment.
9.7	Minneapolis will work with institutional partners to assure that the scale and form of new development or expansion will occur in a manner most compatible with the surrounding area.
9.8	Minneapolis will maintain and strengthen the character of the city's various residential areas.
9.9	<i>ELIMINATED</i>
9.10	Minneapolis will support efforts that recognize both the increased visibility and importance of corner properties and the role of gateways in enhancing traditional neighborhood character.
9.11	Minneapolis will support urban design standards that emphasize a traditional urban form in commercial areas.
9.12	Minneapolis will promote design solutions for automobile parking facilities that reflect principles of traditional urban form.
9.13	Minneapolis will restore and maintain the traditional street grid.
9.14	Minneapolis will increase citizen awareness of preservation and the important role it plays in fostering community revitalization and civic pride.

9.15	Minneapolis will protect residential areas from the negative impact of non-residential uses by providing appropriate transitions.
9.16	Minneapolis will encourage new development to use human scale design features and incorporate sunlight, privacy, and view elements into building and site designs.
9.17	Minneapolis will build on recent initiatives to use Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when designing all projects that impact the public realm, including open spaces and parks, on publicly owned and private land.
9.18	Minneapolis will establish land use regulations, in order to achieve the highest possible development standards, enhance the environment, promote flexibility in approaches and otherwise carry out the comprehensive plan.
9.19	Minneapolis will utilize master planning and regulatory techniques for areas of 100,000 square feet, or 15 acres or greater, so that resultant development or redevelopment is efficient, functional and attractive, incorporating high levels of amenities and meeting public objectives for protection and preservation of the natural environment.
9.20	Minneapolis will maintain and annually update maps which are consistent with the requirements of the Metropolitan Council, including an existing land use map and maps of future land use, with the latter showing changes from current land uses including (a) staged development and infill within the urban area, (b) designated redevelopment areas.
9.21	Minneapolis will preserve and enhance the quality of living in residential neighborhoods, regulate structures and uses which may affect the character or desirability of residential areas, encourage a variety of dwelling types and locations and a range of population densities, and ensure amenities, including light, air, privacy and open space.
9.22	Minneapolis will promote increased housing production in designated areas of the City in order to accommodate population growth.
9.23	Minneapolis will continue to provide a wide range of goods and services for city residents, to promote employment opportunities, to encourage the use and adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings, and to maintain and improve compatibility with surrounding areas.
9.24	Minneapolis will support continued growth in designated commercial areas, while allowing for market conditions to significantly influence the viability of a commercial presence in undesignated areas of the city.
9.25	Minneapolis will establish industrial districts to provide locations for industrial land uses, while ensuring that new industrial development is compatible with its surroundings.
9.26	Minneapolis will prioritize growth in light industrial land uses to increase the tax base and create jobs for city residents.
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