

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

February 8, 2023

No. 23-10

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**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS STATE  
FAIR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW TASK FORCE**

- WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Fairgrounds are located within the municipal limits of Falcon Heights; and
- WHEREAS, Falcon Heights has been home to the Minnesota State Fair since 1885, when Ramsey County donated its 210-acre poor farm to the state for the exclusive use by the Agricultural Society; and
- WHEREAS, The State Fair attracts over a million visitors to our community each year, with 1.8 million visitors in 2021 and a record 2.1 million visitors in 2019; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Falcon Heights and its citizens have a long-standing history of creating ordinances, policies and other mechanisms to minimize the impact of the State Fair on our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Falcon Heights has not significantly updated our policies surrounding the State Fair since 2007, with most major policies in place since the 1990s; and
- WHEREAS, Daily attendance at the State Fair has grown by nearly 25% during this time; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Falcon Heights values and honors the positive neighbor relations we share with the Minnesota State Fair; and
- WHEREAS, Following feedback from residents at a town hall, it was determined that a revision of city policies surrounding the Minnesota State Fair should be examined in 2023.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to examine policies and consider the adoption of new ordinances, the City of Falcon Heights shall establish a State Fair Policies and Procedures Review Task Force made up of a diverse cadre of Falcon Heights residents and community stakeholders to conduct a systematic review of the procedures surrounding the State Fair. The Task Force shall:

- Consist of no more than seven voting members;
- Consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary;
- Include only Falcon Heights residents as voting members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Falcon Heights State Fair Policies and Procedures Review Task Force is tasked with providing recommendations to the City Council that:

- Address the quality of life that residents experience as impacted by Minnesota Fairgrounds events;
- Maintain positive relationships with our neighbors and community partners;
- Consider the impacts of decisions on all residents—including renters, seniors, minority populations and others—so that they are not negatively impacted by policies or procedures.

Moved by: Leehy

Approved by:   
 Randall C. Gustafson  
 Mayor

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Attested by:   
 Jack Linehan  
 City Administrator