

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

February 14, 2024

No. 24-12

**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 Falcon Heights City Council created a State Fair Task Force on February 8, 2023 with Resolution 23-10 to address the growing concerns over the impact of State Fair events on the quality of life of residents; and
- WHEREAS, The Falcon Heights City Council appointed 10 members to the State Fair Task Force with Resolution 23-43; and
- WHEREAS, The 2023 State Fair Task Force put in extraordinary effort and developed recommendations that guided the City Council towards recommendations that improved the quality of life for residents during the 2023; and
- WHEREAS, There remains work to be continued and would be best accomplished by another State Fair Task Force in 2024 and 2025.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to examine policies and consider the adoption of new ordinances, the City of Falcon Heights shall establish a 2024/2025 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 ten voting members;
- Consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary;
- Include only Falcon Heights residents as voting members.
- Continue through December 31, 2025

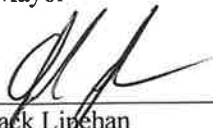
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Falcon Heights State Fair Policies and Procedures Review Task Force is tasked with providing recommendations to the City Council that:

- 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.

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Mayor

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