



## MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** 06/03/2014  
**CONSENT**  
**ITEM #:** 10  
**MOTION**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Affirm Resolution to Terminate the MOU with the Metropolitan Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

**THROUGH:** Mayor Mike Pearson

**REVIEWED BY:** Planning Staff, Focus Engineering

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### **SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item ..... City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff ..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

**POLICY RECOMMENDER:** City of Lake Elmo, Metropolitan Council

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Elimination of Wastewater Inefficiency Fee (\$1.5 Million), Reduction in Cost Associates in Obligated Population Growth

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:** The Met Council, in cooperation with the City of Lake Elmo has determined by principle and technical evaluation to terminate the MOU established in 2005 (and subsequently amended) that mandated growth to 24,000 by 2030 and prescribed the installation of sewer lines or face a \$1.5 Wastewater Inefficiency Fine. This recommendation is based on actions taken by the City Council both in the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and the construction of two sewer lines in 2013. The Met Council adopted a resolution (No. 2014-8) on May 28, 2014. In addition, the Met Council adopted a Thrive 2040 forecast of 20,500 population by the year 2040. As part of its consent agenda, no specific motion is required. If removed from the consent agenda, the recommended motion is as follows:

***“Move to approve Met Council Resolution No. 2014-8.”***

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** See Attached Resolution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION (SWOT):**

<b>Strengths</b>	Lake Elmo is no longer contractually obligated to grow and can control its own pace of growth
<b>Weaknesses</b>	None
<b>Opportunities</b>	The City can rebalance growth based on the 2040 forecast that reduces population by 3,500 residents or 1,372 homes in conjunction with its 2018 Comp Plan Update
<b>Threats</b>	Termination of MOU may cause community to slow growth to a pace that does not cash flow infrastructure investments.

**RECOMMENDATION:** As part of its consent agenda, no specific motion is required. If removed from the consent agenda, the recommended motion is as follows:

***“Move to approve Met Council Resolution No. 2014-8.”***