

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 2015-14**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPEN MEETINGS AND THE POSTING  
OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of representative government and to the maintenance of a democratic society that the public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens be advised of and be fully aware of and able to observe the performance of public officials and attend and listen to the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the people must be able to remain informed if they are to retain control over those who are their public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, an open and transparent government, is the only climate under which the people will prosper and enable the governmental process to operate for the benefit of those who created it; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, the State of Minnesota enacted Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, formally known as the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, which requires, with few exceptions, that meetings of public bodies be open to the public, balancing the public's interest in witnessing the deliberations of public officials with the government's need to manage its operations effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires public notice of all meetings of public bodies subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Elmo supports these principles of open and transparent government, promoting citizen engagement, and having an informed populace.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, that the formation and determination of public policy is public business and shall be conducted at open meetings except as required or permitted by the exceptions provided by state law; and.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Lake Elmo that every city public body and all city work groups shall give notice of the date, time, and location of its meetings by placing the notice in a prominent public location at which notices are regularly posted and in the office of the clerk.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO THIS THIRD  
DAY OF MARCH 2015.**

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LAKE ELMO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Adam Bell, City Clerk

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