



RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE  
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-0307-02**

A RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF THE NEED FOR AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE WINDSONG GOLF CLUB  
NORTH COURSE EXPANSION PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, the improvements proposed as part of the Windsong Golf Club North Course Expansion Project (the “project”) will allow for the development of a second golf course; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Rules, Chapter 4410.4300 Subpart 36, Land Use Conversion, the project meets the thresholds for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), and the City of Independence as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) completed an EAW for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the EAW were distributed to all persons and agencies on the official EQB mailing list; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice was published in the Crow River News on May 5, 2022, and also published in the EQB Monitor on May 10, 2022 to announce the availability of the EAW to interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the 30-day comment period ended on June 8, 2022, and comments received have been considered; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the comments received, the City of Independence has prepared the Findings of Fact and Conclusions including written responses; and

**WHEREAS**, all requirements for environmental review of the project have been met; and

**WHEREAS**, the EAW and permit processes related to the project have generated information that is sufficient to determine whether the project has the potential for significant environmental effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the EAW, in conjunction with comment responses, identified permitting and mitigation commitments that, if met, will address environmental effects caused by the project; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the criteria in Minnesota Rules part 4410.1700, the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Independence hereby adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions (FOFC) for the Windsong Golf Club North Course Project EAW.

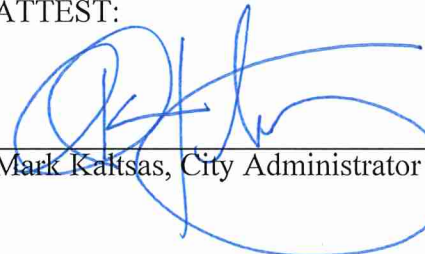
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that based on the information contained in the EAW, comments received on the EAW, and the criteria in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410.1700, the project does not have the potential for significant environmental impact and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Independence hereby authorizes the distribution of a negative declaration on the need for an EIS to all parties included on the EAW distribution list and to all persons that commented in writing during the review period.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

  
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Marvin Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator