

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE: January 24, 2006

RESOLUTION #2006-22

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER: Berg

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING STATE MANDATES FOR REPEAL

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of Anoka County, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as low as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of Anoka County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation (M.S. 6.79) which allows local governments to file resolutions with the state auditor which either object to particular state mandates or make recommendations for reforming particular state mandates; and,

WHEREAS, the state auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments in achieving those reforms:

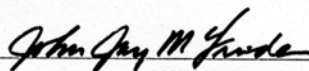
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit A) list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for repeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measures available to aid in the repeal of these mandates.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ANOKA) ss

I, John "Jay" McLinden, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on January 24, 2006, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of January 2006.



JOHN "JAY" McLINDEN
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DISTRICT #1 – BERG	X	
DISTRICT #2 – LANG	X	
DISTRICT #3 – LANGFELD	X	
DISTRICT #4 – KORDIAK	X	
DISTRICT #5 – LEDOUX	Absent	
DISTRICT #6 – SIVARAJAH	X	
DISTRICT #7 – ERHART	X	



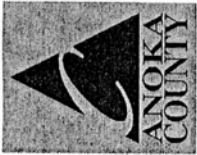
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comments	Additional Questions or Issues
Allow Cremation in Lieu of Burial & Eliminate Provision of Funeral Services	256.935		Current statute provides a deceased indigent must be buried and further that his or her relatives must be allowed to use a funeral home of their choice. Cremation in lieu of burial should be an option as long as respectful of cultural and religious preferences. Provision of other funeral services should no longer be required. The right to have a funeral service and burial is much more expensive than cremation.	



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Eliminate Ag Inspection	18.81		Counties are responsible for 'Agriculture Inspection' under Minnesota Statute. All state responsibilities in this area were eliminated in 2003. Noxious weed control requirements should be carried out by cities and towns.	
Truancy	260C.007, Subd. 19		Reduce back to age 16 from current age 18. There is very little success in working with truants over 16.	
Repeal or amend requirement that core early intervention services must be provided at public expense	125A.36		Eliminate requirement that core early intervention services should be provided to all disabled children at no cost to parents. Instead, provide for parental contribution consistent with MA Asset and Income Standards. If we receive federal cuts, any mandate requiring service or maintenance of effort without funding should be lifted.	This would affect school districts too.
Eliminate directed invest of federal block grant for community health services/maintenance of effort for mental health services	245.714		Eliminate requirement that monies from federal block grant for community health service not reduce monies from other state and county sources that would in the absence of the grant have been made available for services to the mentally ill. Counties do not receive the health grant. Assume this refers to Title XX grant from the federal government.	



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Eliminate directed investment of increase in revenues from medical assistance coverage of adult rehabilitative mental health crises and adult response services in "expanded mental health services"	256B.83		Current law requires investment of increase in revenues from medical assistance coverage of adult rehabilitative mental health services and adult mental health crisis response services in "expanded mental health services." Precludes counties from investing increased revenues in inpatient and residential treatment. If we receive federal cuts, any mandate requiring service or maintenance of effort without funding should be lifted.	
Eliminate directed investment and maintenance of effort for residential services for children with severe emotional disturbances.	256B.0945, Subd. 6 & 7		Eliminate directed investment of new federal funding earned from residential services for children with severe emotional disturbances and eliminate maintenance of effort requirement that county expenditures for prevention, early intervention, and supportive services for children and families be at least equal to that county's average expenditures for calendar year 1998-1999. If we receive federal cuts, any mandate requiring service or maintenance of effort without funding should be lifted.	



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Submission of land use plan by Anoka County to the Metropolitan Council	473.862, Subd. 1.(a), Subd. 2., Subd 3.		Eliminate the requirement that Anoka County submit Land Use Plans to the Metropolitan Council. Anoka County does not exercise any planning functions for the local units of government within its jurisdiction. These units of government provide the Metropolitan Council with their individual land use plans. Submission by the county of a plan is a duplicative costly exercise. Hennepin and Ramsey Counties currently receive an exemption from these statutes. Anoka County would continue to submit a Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council on other activities.	
Counties mandated to provide detox services			This is a needed service mandate by court decision and state law, with no funding to counties. The state should provide funding to counties for detox services.	