

CITY OF SPICER

RESOLUTION NO. 030806-02

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGES IN MINNESOTA STATUTES TO ADDRESS
UNFUNDED MANDATES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 6.79 creates a new venue at the Office of State Auditor for mandate reform ideas from cities and other local units of government, and

WHEREAS, those submitted proposals on mandate relief and reform will be listed on the State Auditor's website, thereby giving local governments another communication tool for expressing their concerns on any given mandate, and

WHEREAS, the Spicer City Council supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by Cities, Counties, Townships and School Boards, and

WHEREAS, the Spicer City Council finds that Fine Distributions (M.S. 357.021) collected from violators of state laws need to be adjusted. Local law enforcement costs have risen, the portion of fine revenues distributed to cities has not been adjusted. In addition, state-imposed traffic citation surcharges have resulted in more court challenges to citations and thus, increased local prosecution costs, and

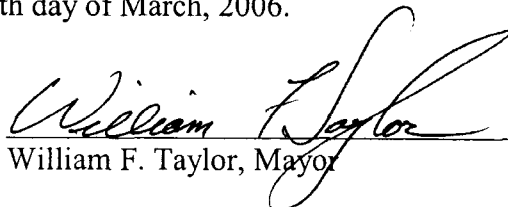
WHEREAS, the Spicer City Council finds State Sales Tax and MVET on city purchases (M.S. 297A and 297B) should be eliminated since cities need to collect additional property taxes to pay these taxes, thus creating double taxation of our people, and

WHEREAS, the Spicer City Council finds MN Govt Data Practices Act (M.S. 13) hinders the city's ability to recover adequate costs in reproduction of information. Nearly all government data is to be considered "public" under the MN Govt Data Practices statutes and the public has access to and may ask for reproductions of this data. The costs and fees charged by local units of government for this data are minimal and limited.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spicer City Council does hereby request that the requirements of said statutes be changed in one of the following ways:

- 2) Eliminate the requirement that cities pay the 6.5 percent sales tax on most city purchases. This requirement simply increases the cost of local operations and capital improvements to citizens.

Adopted by the Spicer City Council on the 8th day of March, 2006.


William F. Taylor, Mayor

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LaNae Osmond, City Clerk