

**DRAFT Resolution 2008R -  
By Johnson and Lilligren**

**Authorizing the solicitation of donations for the purpose of placing a commemorative plaque and City of Minneapolis seal both inside and outside the City of Minneapolis Council chambers in honor of the Minneapolis Sesquicentennial. Further authorizing the solicitation of donations for the purpose holding a July 18, 2008, dedication ceremony for the commemorative plaque and City of Minneapolis seal.**

Whereas, the Minneapolis Ethics in Government Code was amended, (2007-Or-066, § 2, 8-31-07), to permit solicitation for city purposes if pre-approved by the City Council; and

Whereas, July 20, 2008, marks the 150th anniversary of the vote to become a town and Minneapolis' first Town Council meeting; and

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis is officially celebrating its sesquicentennial in conjunction with the Aquatennial, July 18 – 27, 2008; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to place a commemorative plaque and City of Minneapolis seal both inside and outside the City of Minneapolis Council chambers in honor of the Minneapolis Sesquicentennial; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to hold a dedication ceremony on July 18, 2008, for the commemorative plaque and City of Minneapolis seal; and

Whereas, the placement of a commemorative plaque and City of Minneapolis seal both inside and outside of the City of Minneapolis council chambers and the dedication ceremony serve a public purpose by commemorating the anniversary of such an important and outstanding event in the history of the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, community donations are needed to fund the placement of a commemorative plaque and City of Minneapolis seal and the dedication ceremony; and

Whereas, despite the public benefits, gifts offered to the City must be scrutinized to assure that they do not raise conflict of interest problems, special treatment concerns, or other ethical issues.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That solicitations for donation of or monetary donations to be used for commemorative plaques and City of Minneapolis seals to be placed both inside

and outside the City of Minneapolis Council chambers in honor of the Minneapolis Sesquicentennial and the dedication ceremony for said commemorative plaques and seals may be conducted under the following conditions:

- Solicitations shall only be made by elected officials or their designees.
- The names of designees created by an individual City Council member, the City Council, or the Mayor shall at the time of designation be filed with the City Clerk.
- An elected official, or designee shall not solicit any gift to the city under circumstances that in fact or in appearance rewards, influences, or tends to impair the judgment of any elected local official, appointed local official or employee in the performance of the official's or employee's official duties or provides special consideration, treatment, advantage, privilege, or exemption for or coerces a potential donor.
- No gift from an anonymous donor shall be solicited under any circumstance.
- No gift shall be solicited from a lobbyist or principal as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.01 and Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, section 15.280.
- No gift shall be solicited from an interested person as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 371.895 and Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, section 15.280. Additionally, no gift shall be solicited from vendors, contractors, entities or individuals who currently have or have had contracts or submitted proposals or bids within the last 12 months or vendors, contractors, entities or individuals reasonably anticipated to have business with the City within the next 3 months.
- No gift shall be solicited from a person or entity that is actively promoting or opposing city legislation or has a matter pending before a city department, board or commission.

Be It Further Resolved a solicitation request to the general public, rather than selected individuals or businesses, shall be posted on the City of Minneapolis sesquicentennial website and the Minneapolis Public Access television channel and in a press release. The solicitation requests to the general public shall inform the public that government action regarding the donor will not be affected by whether or not a contribution is made and acceptance of a donation will not state or imply the endorsement of the City of any product, service or entity.

Be It Further Resolved that upon a successful solicitation, the solicitor shall promptly notify the prospective donor in writing that the gift is subject to acceptance by the City Council, that government action regarding the donor will not be affected by such contribution and that acceptance of a donation will not state or imply the endorsement of the City of any product, service or entity.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis Ethics Officer shall prepare a form to be used for the successful solicitation letter.

Be It Further Resolved that all potential donations to be used for commemorative plaques and City of Minneapolis seals to be placed both inside and outside the City of Minneapolis Council chambers in honor of the Minneapolis Sesquicentennial and donations to be used for the dedication ceremony be presented by resolution to and voted on by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis.