

**CITY OF EDEN PRAIRIE
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-____

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO
AMEND AIRPORT CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE TWIN CITIES REGIONAL
AIRPORT SYSTEM PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has established a Twin Cities Regional Airport System Plan identifying the classification of each airport within in the system, among other things, and;

WHEREAS, the classifications for the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) system of airports include: major, intermediate, and minor use airports, and;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council classification for minor use airports include: Anoka County-Blaine, Flying Cloud, Airlake, Crystal, Lake Elmo, and South St. Paul, with a primary runway length between 2,500 and 5,000 feet, and;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council classification for intermediate use airports include St. Paul-Holman, with a primary runway length between 5,001 and 8,000 feet, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes state the MAC shall not use revenue from any source for construction of air facilities to expand or upgrade the use of an existing metropolitan airport from minor use to intermediate use status without approval in a law. The law defines minor use airport as an airport with a runway or runways of length no longer than 5,000 feet, and;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is proposing to amend the classifications of the MAC system of airports by splitting minor use airports into minor I and minor II categories that include new primary runway length definitions without limits within its category, and establishing a new primary runway length definition for intermediate use airports, the next higher category, beginning at 6,000 feet, and;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council proposal to amend the classifications as discussed above creates ambiguity between runway length and the intent of state law; begins to erode safeguards on the type and size of aircraft that may use these minor airports and the associated noise impacts on surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eden Prairie that this City Council recommends that the Metropolitan Council abandon it proposal to amend the classifications of the MAC system of airports by splitting minor use airports into minor I and minor II categories, and abandon the proposed primary runway length definitions without limits within each category, and abandon its proposal to establish a new primary runway length definition for intermediate use airports beginning at 6,000 feet, inconsistent with state law.