

January 21, 2021

Representative Paul Marquart Chair of the House Tax Committee 597 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Local Sales and Use Tax Authority Request

Dear Representative Marquart:

In accordance with M.S. 297A.99, Local Sales Taxes, the City of Hermantown respectfully requests authorization from the State of Minnesota to impose a local sales and use tax, for a Community Recreation Initiative which includes an addition to the existing Ice Arena, re-orient and rebuild Fichtner Park and construction of a paved trail to connect to the current Munger Trail.

Enclosed are the letters to the Tax Committee members, the City Council Resolution requesting authorization, along with supporting documentation for the Community Recreation Initiative. The resolution and supporting documentation explain the need and plans for this important Community Recreation Initiative.

This is the same request the City made last year, and the events of 2020 have not changed the need or desire for the possibility of this regionally-beneficial initiative to move forward.

The City of Hermantown appreciates your support and looks forward to meeting with you during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

John Mulder City Administrator

Encl.

CC: Representative Mary Murphy

Senator Tom Bakk