



CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED July 27, 2021

By Commissioner: Westerlund

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Data Recovery Fee

**WHEREAS**, the County of Aitkin creates, maintains, and possesses valuable geographic information systems (GIS) data to support its various business purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Aitkin recognizes that this GIS data is also a public resource and there are significant benefits to making this data freely and openly available; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergence and continued refinement of new information technology has dramatically changed the way citizens search for and expect to find, consume and utilize information, and such technology can aggregate ever larger quantities of data and allow government to provide information to the public with increasing efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Aitkin can leverage this technology to meet the public demand for information, enhance public access to government data and make government processes transparent in order to promote public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the quality, consistency and availability of such data is a core function of government and is essential to maintaining the data's value and utility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Aitkin County Land Department to publish its public geospatial data on a public available website in a commonly recognized and easily produced form, available for download by anyone at no cost, subject to accepting the terms of the data disclaimer GIS data usage agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby reserves the right for county/city business units to charge fees for GIS data provided in other forms and to accommodate special requests for maps, data, and analysis under the applicable rules and statutes that govern said requests; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes qualified members of its staff to coordinate with other counties, cities, governments and agencies through the MetroGIS collaborative or through state agencies to share and publish its GIS data in common formats through common websites and public data portals to increase public awareness of its availability and promote its use.

Commissioner Napstad moved for adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

4-1 (Marcotte)

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021

  
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator