

**CREDIT RIVER TOWNSHIP
SCOTT COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
FEES**

WHEREAS, developers, builders and new homeowners are driving the need for road improvements, street oversizing, street redesign, and street reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, municipal statutory authority appropriately exists for fees related to parks, sewer and water; and

WHEREAS, this municipal statutory authority does not exist for infrastructure development fees; and

WHEREAS, township streets are one of the four major types of infrastructure local government is responsible to provide to protect public safety and health; township streets represent a separate but integral piece of the network of roads supporting movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, existing funding mechanisms, such as Municipal State Aid (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, have limited applications, leaving cities and towns under-equipped to address growing needs; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood streets are constructed according to town standards by developers; and

WHEREAS, funding sources for larger streets and intersections to support new developments have historically come from infrastructure development fees; and


WHEREAS, the infrastructure development fee mechanism is no longer allowed as a result of the *Harstad vs. Woodbury* court case; and

WHEREAS, costs of growth in the short term should not be supported by current residents through community tax and/or utility fee increases but rather by those that represent the growth; and

WHEREAS, towns need flexible policies and greater resources in order to meet growing demands for street improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY CREDIT RIVER TOWNSHIP, SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA that this Town Board supports legislation that would authorize cities and towns to levy infrastructure development fees to fund municipal street improvements as a necessary component of growth.

Passed and adopted by the Township Board this 9th day of January 2021.


Chris Kostik, Chairman
Karen Donovan, Clerk