

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2025-050

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD,
MINNESOTA, ADOPTING THE 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield (the “City”) adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2008 to establish a vision for development in the City over a period of 10 to 15 years; and
- WHEREAS, the 2008 Comprehensive Plan contained a series of recommendations in several areas, including land use, economic development, environment, housing and transportation; and
- WHEREAS, the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, given the passage of time, requires a full update and replacement; and
- WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.351-462.365 (the “Act”), establishes the policy and procedure under which the City may create and adopt a comprehensive plan and amendments thereto; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 462.353, the City may carry on comprehensive municipal planning activities for guiding the future development and improvement of the City and may prepare, adopt and amend a comprehensive municipal plan and implement such plan by ordinance and other official actions in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council determined there was a need to create a new 2045 City Comprehensive Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council retained the consulting firm Stantec to assist in the review of the City’s existing 2008 Comprehensive Plan and the preparation of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan; and
- WHEREAS, City Staff, the Planning Commission, and consultants worked to involve the public in providing input on the Comprehensive Plan through a series of public meetings; and
- WHEREAS, City Staff and the Planning Commission worked to revise the drafts of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan through consultation with various Boards and Commissions; and
- WHEREAS, the City has, through the participation of its citizens, community leaders, local organizations, and public officials, completed its preparation of a new 2045 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.355, following proper notice, the Planning Commission held public hearings on the proposed adoption of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan on December 19, 2024 and January 16, 2025, and all those wishing to speak to the issue were heard, and then revised the Plan based on public input received; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at its duly noticed meeting held on April 17, 2025, recommended that the City Council adopt the 2045 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2045 Comprehensive Plan replaces the 2008 Comprehensive Plan in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendation forwarded by the Planning Commission and wishes to adopt the new 2045 Comprehensive Plan as the community-based vision for future development within the City and surrounding growth areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.355, Subd. 3, and Northfield Charter, Section 4.5, the City Council may by resolution adopt the new 2045 Comprehensive Plan upon a two-thirds vote of all of its members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council hereby adopts the 2045 Comprehensive Plan effective the date of this resolution superseding and replacing in all respects the 2008 Comprehensive Plan..

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 20th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ ZWEIFEL ___ BEUMER ___ DAHLEN ___ HOLMES
 ___ NESS ___ PETERSON WHITE ___ SOKUP