



## Legislation Text

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**City Council Meeting Date:** January 18, 2022

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Ben Martig, City Administrator

Consider Resolution to Join the Membership in the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC).

**Action Requested:**

The Northfield City Council is asked to consider the attached Resolution to join the membership in the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.

**Summary Report:**

The Northfield City Council received a presentation from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) at their January 11, 2022 worksession detailing the membership benefits. Attachment 1 is the resolution to join the CGMC.

Attached to this report are a number of documents containing information related to joining the CGMC. These include: Attachment 2 - a letter sent to the City earlier this summer regarding CGMC membership; Attachment 3 - a dues invoice detailing what Northfield's dues would be to join for 2022; Attachment 4 - a FAQ sheet about the CGMC; Attachment 5 - a document titled "40 years of advocacy" discussing the issue areas CGMC focuses on; and Attachment 6 - a timeline of CGMC's recent advocacy work on Local Government Aid. Attachment 7 is a link to the CGMC website that contains additional information.

Upcoming events the CGMC sponsors are as follows:

- Legislative Action Day: March 2, 2022
- CGMC Summer Conference: July 27-29
- CGMC Fall Conference: to be determined

The membership fee structure is listed below in the financial impacts section of this report.

**Alternative Options:**

City Council may decide not join the CGMC at this time and therefore not adopt the resolution. To become members requires approval of a resolution.

**Financial Impacts:**

New member cities or returning member cities of the CGMC that have not been members within the past five years are able to join the organization on a phasing-in dues schedule that allows you to join at 25% of your total calculated dues, phasing up to 100% in year four of membership.

For Northfield, these figures would look as follows:

Northfield CGMC Dues:	% of Full Amount	Dues
First Year	25%	\$10,417
Second Year	50%	\$20,834
Third Year	75%	\$31,251
Fourth Year (and thereafter subject to fee changes)	100%	\$41,668

\*The membership may be cancelled at any year so it membership does not obligate to every year. Once the “phase-in” fees are established the City would not be eligible again for a phase-in amount.

The following lists some other membership organizations. The Association of Metropolitan Cities is likely the most comparable organization both in terms of member benefits and dues based fee structure.

- Association of Metropolitan Municipalities:
  - Northfield Full Membership if Northfield were eligible (which we are not) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(waiting for response will include as supplemental information)
  - Northfield Cities Non-Voting Associate Membership \$100.00 (Northfield not currently in associate membership)
- 2021 League of Minnesota Cities membership \$18,750.00
- 2021 National League of Cities membership fee \$1,953.00.

**Tentative Timelines:**

N/A