

**CITY OF COLOGNE
RESOLUTION NO. 26-10
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MET COUNCIL'S SMALL COMMUNITIES
PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PREPARATION OF THE 2050
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Cologne must review and update its local comprehensive plan as required by the “decennial” review provision of Minnesota Statutes section 473.864 , subdivision 2; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2025, the Metropolitan Council adopted need-based eligibility criteria that identified 29 very small communities in the region eligible to receive direct technical and plan preparation assistance from Metropolitan Council staff and consultants to update their comprehensive plans in accordance with minimum requirements identified by the Metropolitan Council and as required by the “decennial” review provisions of Minnesota Statutes section 473.864, subdivision 2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cologne is an eligible city or town in the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 473.121; and

WHEREAS, direct technical and plan preparation assistance will be provided to eligible communities from Metropolitan Council staff and consultants to prepare the 2050 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the roles, responsibilities and general schedule described in the Metropolitan Council Small Communities Planning Program Guide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cologne will collaborate with Metropolitan Council staff and consultants in the preparation of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan by leading community conversations that help identify planning priorities and policies for the required Plan elements of land use, housing, transportation, water resources, parks and trails, climate and natural systems, and by reviewing and providing feedback on Plan document drafts prepared by Metropolitan Council staff prior to final Plan preparation and local adoption; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Small Communities Planning Program will be confirmed through a contract agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the City of Cologne that acknowledges the roles and responsibilities of the community and the Metropolitan Council as described in the Metropolitan Council Small Communities Planning Program Guide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, after appropriate examination and due consideration, the governing body of the City of Cologne:

Authorizes Michelle Morrison, it's City Administrator, to enter into a contract agreement with the Metropolitan Council on behalf of the City of Cologne to participate in the Metropolitan Council Small Communities Planning Program and receive services that assist the City of Cologne in preparation of its 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Adopted this 15th day of June, 2026.

Attested:

Michelle Morrison
Michelle Morrison
City Administrator

Approved:

Matt Lein
Matt Lein
Mayor

M/ Selmer
S/ Bruss

Lein yes
Bruss yes
Szaroletta yes
Olson yes
Bowers yes