

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 21-10

Resolution declaring Lexington a Second Amendment Dedicated City

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, certain legislation, beyond existing laws to date, that has or may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature in the future, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress in the future, could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lexington, MN is concerned about the passage of any new legislation containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Lexington, MN, to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the criminal misuse of firearms is not a reason to infringe the rights of law-abiding citizens of Lexington, MN, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lexington, MN wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Lexington to keep and bear arms, except those prohibited by current law, and


WHEREAS, the City Council of Lexington, MN wishes to express opposition to any law in the future, beyond existing laws to date, that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Lexington to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA:

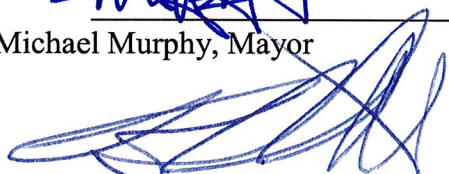
That the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota hereby declares Lexington, Minnesota, as a "Second Amendment Dedicated City," and

1. That the City Council wishes to express its intent to stand as a City Dedicated to Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, any efforts in the future to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Lexington to keep and bear arms, and
2. That the City Council will refuse to directly appropriate any City of Lexington resources to enforce any mandate, law, policy, or any directive which unconstitutionally infringes on the right of the law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, and
3. That the City Council hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Lexington, Minnesota, and
4. That the City Council hereby declares its intent to oppose any unconstitutional infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

Adopted by the council this 6th day of May, 2021



Michael Murphy, Mayor



Bill Petracek, City Administrator

