NORTHERN TOWNSHIP BOARD
BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0202

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NORTHERN TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, Northern Township has adopted a Comprehensive Plan as the foundational document guiding land use, growth, infrastructure planning, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sections 462.351 to 462.364 grant municipalities the authority to prepare, adopt, and amend comprehensive municipal plans to guide the future development of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed and updated the Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes in land use trends, planning priorities, and the Township's long-term vision since the dissolution of the Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board (GBAJPB); and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed **public hearing** on the proposed amendments to the Northern Township Comprehensive Plan was held before the **Northern Township Planning Commission on February 5, 2025**, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, based on input from the Planning Commission, staff, and community stakeholders, the Township Board has determined that the proposed amendments will ensure continued responsible growth while preserving the community's character and vision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHERN TOWNSHIP BOARD:

1. **Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

- The Northern Township Comprehensive Plan, as last amended, is **hereby amended** to reflect updates to land use, zoning policies, infrastructure planning, environmental protections, and community growth priorities.
- These amendments include revisions addressing the dissolution of the Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board and reflect Northern Township's independent land use planning authority.

2. **Incorporation of Updates**

- The revised Comprehensive Plan **supersedes** prior versions and will be used as the official guide for land use, development, and infrastructure decisions.
- The amendments include, but are not limited to:
    - Updates to zoning and future land use maps.
    - Modifications to housing, transportation, and infrastructure planning sections.
    - Integration of long-term wastewater planning considerations.
    - Incorporation of updated demographic and growth projections.

3. **Implementation**

- The Northern Township Planning Commission and staff shall utilize the updated Comprehensive Plan in the review of future development proposals, zoning decisions, and public infrastructure planning.

4. **Effective Date**

- This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2025.

NORTHERN TOWNSHIP BOARD

State of Minnesota

County of Beltrami

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this ___ day of February, 2025, by Jess Frenzel, Chair and Chris Lahn, Township Administrator of Northern Township.

Jess Frenzel, Chair

Mary Israelson, Township Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 20 day of February, 2025

Notary Public

