

**CITY OF CLOQUET  
COUNTY OF CARLTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-11**

**ADDRESSING STATE MANDATES  
AFFECTING THE CITY OF CLOQUET**

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes 6.79 creates avenue at the Office of State Auditor for mandate reform ideas from cities and other local units of government; and

**WHEREAS,** Those submitted proposals on mandate relief and reform will be listed on the State Auditors website, thereby giving local governments another communication tool for expressing their concerns on any given mandate; and

**WHEREAS,** The Cloquet City Council supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by cities, counties, townships, and school boards; and


**WHEREAS,** The City Council finds that the attached list of mandates are unfunded/underfunded mandates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA,** That the City Council of the City of Cloquet hereby adopts the following mandate proposals and directs the City Administrator to submit this listing to the State Auditor.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET  
THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006.**

  
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Bruce Ahlgren, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brian Fritsinger, City Administrator

Mandate	Statutory Citation	Comments
Either eliminate or totally state fund continued health insurance for disabled peace officers/fire fighters	299A.465	Employers are required to pay the employee share of disabled peace officers/fire fighters and their dependents health insurance until the individual reaches the age of 65 even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. Neither the rationale behind the benefit or the State's intention to fully fund the program have been met. If the obligation cannot be met by the State, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated.