



City of Bloomington Common Council

Post-Meeting Packet

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Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Regular Session at 6:30pm



Letter to the EPA

Regarding the 2009 Endangerment Finding

What is the Endangerment Finding?

- A 2009 formal EPA determination that the concentration of six major greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide and methane, endangers public health and welfare
- It serves as the legal basis for the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act

What is the potential impact of its repeal?

- If finalized, the repeal of this finding would effectively remove the legal basis for many current regulations on climate pollution.
- This would also pave the way for the rollback of federal standards for vehicle and industrial emissions, leading to increased emissions of these pollutants.

What is the relevance to Bloomington?

- Increase in air pollution, threatening the health of our population.
- Increase in the pace of climate change impacts, including severe storms, flooding, and heat.
- Eventually, societal disruption due to impacts on food distribution, climate refugees, local financial burdens.

What does the letter from the Public Rights Project say?

The Endangerment Finding is grounded in evidence and sound science, including Federal climate assessments.

Local Governments Rely on EPA Regulation of Greenhouse Gases and the Proposed Rule Fails to Consider the Significant Harms to Local Communities.

- Extreme heat is now commonplace
- Transportation Emissions and Air Pollution Are Worsening Across the U.S.
- Flooding and Major Weather Events Are Bringing Grave Consequences.
- Local Communities are Bearing Unprecedented Infrastructure Costs
- EPA's Proposed Rule Will Have Disproportionate Impacts

What is the Public Rights Project?

Public Rights Project provides litigation support, legal representation, and training to help local government officials protect their communities and use their tremendous power for good.

It is a non-partisan, non-profit organization with headquarters in Oakland, CA.

What am I requesting?

A vote of the Bloomington Common Council to sign onto the Public Rights Project's letter to the EPA.

The deadline to sign on is September 22.

****Amendment Form****

Ordinance #: 2025-33
Amendment #: Am. 01
Submitted by: Cm. Stosberg
Date: September 17, 2025

Proposed Amendment: (Additions shown in **bold**)

1. Section 1. entitled “ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIBER CONNECTIVITY FUND,” of the Ordinance 2025-33 shall read:

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIBER CONNECTIVITY FUND

There is hereby created a **non-reverting** Fiber Connectivity Fund, a dedicated financial account within the City’s budget, to be used solely for the purpose of covering fifty percent (50%) of Drop costs to Income-qualifying resident units, up to \$350 per unit. If, at the end of the period described in Section 7.3.2(h) of the Master Development Agreement, City funds remain in the Fiber Connectivity Fund, such funds shall be used for any activities supporting digital opportunity for City residents.

Synopsis

This amendment adds the words “non-reverting” to Section 1 in order to clarify that funds shall not be reverting.

09/17/25 Regular Session Action: Pending