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Cunningham	X			
Ellison	X			
Goodman	X			
Cano	X			
Schroeder	X			
Palmisano	X			

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**Amending Title 16 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Chapter 428 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 428. - CULTURAL DISTRICTS**

**ARTICLE I. – GENERALLY**

**428.10. - Purpose.** The City of Minneapolis acknowledges a reprehensible history of redlining and economic exclusion in geographic areas throughout the City, which disproportionately impacted areas populated by black, people of color, Indigenous people, and/or immigrants. The City recognizes an exemplary history of resilience and community-building that persevered within these areas, resulting in a

rich sense of cultural and/or linguistic identity. The City now seeks to uplift the cultural identity of, nurture the thriving commercial corridors of, and prevent the displacement of low-income residents and businesses within these areas by designating them as cultural districts. Designation as a cultural district will allow for the creation and prioritized implementation of new investment tools, policies and strategies to equitably advance cultural and linguistic identity, commercial vitality, stable housing, and infrastructure within the cultural district.

**428.20. - Criteria.** The following criteria shall be considered in determining whether properties are eligible for designation as a cultural district:

- (1) Each cultural district must be contiguous and centered within the Metropolitan Council-defined Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACP50).
- (2) Each cultural district must have a rich cultural and/or linguistic identity and/or be rooted in communities significantly populated by black, people of color, Indigenous people and/or immigrants.
- (3) Each cultural district must have, as the core of the district, a Goods and Services Corridor as designated in the Minneapolis 2040 Future Land Use Map.
- (4) Each cultural district must be walkable, accessible and have access to public transportation.

**428.30. - Application for establishment, amendment, or repeal.** An application for the establishment of a new cultural district or the amendment or repeal of a cultural district may be submitted on an application form approved by the director of the department of community planning and economic development and shall include:

- (1) A letter of support from all councilmembers representing wards in which the cultural district is or is proposed to be located.
- (2) Evidence documenting the consent of individuals who represent one-third (1/3) or more of all owners of non-residential property within the cultural district.

**428.40. – Planning commission review.** The director of the department of community planning and economic development shall submit all completed applications for cultural district establishment, amendment, or repeal to the planning commission. Upon receipt of a completed application, the planning commission shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed cultural district establishment, amendment, or repeal. Following the public hearing, the planning commission shall make findings with respect to the proposed cultural district establishment, amendment, or repeal and shall submit the same together with its recommendation to the city council. The planning commission's recommendation shall be based on whether the district meets the eligibility requirements established in this Chapter. In making its findings and recommendation, the planning commission shall consider the requirements of this Chapter, the information contained in the application, staff reports, and all testimony and evidence received at the public hearing.

**428.50. – City council decision.** The city council shall make the final decision on the establishment, amendment, or repeal of each cultural district.

**428.60. – District maps.** The locations and boundaries of each cultural district established pursuant to this Chapter 428 shall be set forth on the official cultural district maps maintained by the director of the department of community planning and economic development. The official cultural district maps are incorporated herein by reference. For convenience, copies of the official cultural district maps shall be included in this chapter. In the event of a discrepancy between the plates and the official cultural district maps, the official cultural district maps shall control.

## ARTICLE II. – CULTURAL DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED

The city council finds, determines, and declares that the following areas satisfy the criteria in section 428.20 and are hereby established as cultural districts of the City of Minneapolis:

**428.100. – 38th Street Cultural District.** The cultural district shall include the area shown on the following map:

