

Appendix L
RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-03A

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE HAYFIELD CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION
TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE 2003 MINNESOTA PERSONAL
PROTECTION ACT, AND CALLING FOR AMENDMENTS TO
PROHIBIT CONCEALED WEAPONS ON CITY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed into law the "Minnesota Personal Protection Act", in which Minnesota residents, subject to qualification, *shall* be issued permits to carry concealed weapons, effective May 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that permittees *shall*, with very few exceptions, be permitted to carry concealed weapons on municipal property; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that owners of private properties *may* post and regulate the ability of permittees to carry concealed weapons; and

WHEREAS, the Council is vitally concerned about the safety of its employees, and public safety of the users and visitors of City properties; and

WHEREAS, the Council can find no rational justification to distinguish between a permissive provision for private properties and a non-discretionary mandate for public properties; and

WHEREAS, there will very likely be an increase in public costs from this mandate as, for example, the greater presence of weapons on City properties may increase insurance premiums, and the City would need to provide facilities for employees with permits to store weapons at City properties; and

WHEREAS, the Council agrees in concept with the failed amendment to the House File that would have allowed public facilities, such as city halls, parks, and recreation centers, to prohibit concealed weapons on the premises; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for legislators to reconsider and amend the Act for the public safety of public employees and users of public facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Hayfield, that it states its opposition to the sections of the Minnesota Personal Protection Act relating to rights to carry concealed weapons on public property,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council states its support for measures that will allow cities to post "No weapons in city hall or on city-owned properties".

Adopted June 16, 2003

Attest:

Lori Kindschy, City Clerk-Treasurer

David Santjer, Mayor