

**RESOLUTION OF THE POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION (2023-74)

American Crystal 2-Year Pilot Project

The following resolution (2023-74) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, American Crystal Sugar Company has a long history and relationship with Polk County; and

WHEREAS, American Crystal Sugar Company has processing plants in East Grand Forks and Crookston in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, American Crystal Sugar Company has proposed a two-year pilot project using 122,000 lb. truck/trailer combination to move North Dakota sugar beets into East Grand Forks for processing; and

WHEREAS, The proposed truck/trailer two and one half mile route would be totally within the city of East Grand Forks; and

WHEREAS, The pilot project would result in a 30% reduction in beet truck traffic going into and out of East Grand Forks from North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Fewer truck hauls would be better for the environment reducing green house gases by 20% on this proposed route; and

WHEREAS, The pilot project would help alleviate the truck driver shortage problem; and

WHEREAS, The truck/trailer design would have greater breaking capacity due to more axles and more tire contact to the pavement; and

WHEREAS, American Crystal Sugar Company has presented the Polk County Board of Commissioners and the Polk County Engineer with information about this pilot project; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Government must give approval to this pilot project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota affirms its support for the proposed two-year pilot project using 122,000 lb. truck/trailer combinations to move North Dakota sugar beets to East Grand Forks for processing.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)) ss.
COUNTY OF POLK)

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal of Polk County at Crookston, Minnesota this 12th day of December 2023.

Charles S. Whiting
Polk County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 23 – 12 - 78

Council Member Vetter, supported by Council Member Riopelle, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the American Crystal Sugar Company has requested City of East Grand Forks support for a proposed legislative bill relating to traffic regulations, permitting a demonstration project for vehicle loads of up to 122,000 pounds for hauling sugar beets on certain roads in East Grand Forks; and

WHEREAS, the relevant roads included in the American Crystal Company special permit request under City of East Grand Forks jurisdiction include 5th Ave NE from US Highway 2 to Business Highway 2; and

WHEREAS, the American Crystal Sugar Company has provided data to show that the proposed 122,000 pound Truck and Twin Trailer combination would better distribute the total axle weight than the current 80,000 pound single truck trailer configuration; and

WHEREAS, The American Crystal Sugar Company has provided data to show the proposed truck and trailer configuration will have improved turning radius than the current single truck/trail configuration; and

WHEREAS, the American Crystal Sugar Company is proposing this truck/trailer Special Permit be issued on a temporary and trial basis with an expiration date of June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Forks agrees a 30% reduction of total truck trips, improved truck weight distribution on its roads, and improved truck/trailer safety features will provide a benefit to the City of East Grand Forks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the City Council hereby authorizes it support in favor of the proposed Special Permit for vehicle loads of up to 122,000 pounds for the purpose of hauling sugar beets on US Highway 2, 5th Ave NE, and Business Highway 2.

Voting Aye: Riopelle, Helms, Olstad, Larson, Peterson, Vetter, and Pokrzywinski.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

The President declared the resolution passed.

Attest:

Reid Hutton
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Passed: December 5, 2023
Mahall
Council President

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this 5th day of December, 2023.

Stam Gauder
Mayor