

**REGIONAL PARCEL DATA SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES AMONG THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNTIES OF ANOKA, CARVER, DAKOTA, RAMSEY, HENNEPIN, SCOTT & WASHINGTON**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is entered into by and among Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Hennepin, Scott and Washington Counties (collectively referred to as “Counties”), each a body corporate and politic, and the Metropolitan Council (“Council”), a Minnesota political subdivision.

**WHEREAS**, the Council and Counties participate in MetroGIS and support the objectives of MetroGIS by sharing data regionally with Public Parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has provided financial, technical, data assembly and distribution support for MetroGIS since 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has developed datasets and related services and made them available to the Counties and other Public Parties at no charge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties have independently developed, with a significant expenditure of public funds, their own geospatial datasets, each of which has commercial value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties have provided the Council with their respective geospatial datasets subject to certain licensing, copyright and distribution restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 471.59, the Counties and the Council desire to enter into a cooperative agreement regarding the Council’s use of the Counties’ Parcel Data and the Council’s distribution of the Regional Parcel Dataset to Public Parties/Third Party Users.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Counties and the Council agree as follows:

**I. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall mean:

- 1.01** *"Academic Interest"* means an accredited college or university or any other institution of higher education in the United States.
- 1.02** *"DataFinder"* means an Internet-based application ([www.datafinder.org](http://www.datafinder.org)), supported by the Council on behalf of the MetroGIS community.
- 1.03** *"Endorsed Regional Dataset"* means a geospatial dataset that provides a standardized solution to one or more common geospatial information needs of the MetroGIS community which is endorsed by MetroGIS and which includes data specifications, custodial roles and responsibilities, and acceptance of custodial roles by willing and capable custodian(s).

- 1.04** *"Geographic Information System (GIS)"* means a system capable of storing and processing geospatial data to analyze and display geographic relations between people, places, and things on the earth's surface.
- 1.05** *"Geospatial Data"* means electronic data used in a GIS which exist in one of three forms: (1) graphic data (e.g., parcel boundaries, street centerlines and planimetric data captured from aerial imagery such as building footprints, curb lines and contour elevations); (2) nongraphic or attribute data (e.g., tabular records that can be associated with graphic data); or (3) digital imagery or raster data.
- 1.06** *"Governmental Interest"* means all local, regional, state and federal governmental jurisdictions, including their respective political subdivisions, in the United States.
- 1.07** *"Internet Mapping Application"* means a computer application that enables a user of the Internet to view spatial and attribute data directly over the web via web-based clients.
- 1.08** *"Licensed User or Licensee"* means a Public Party/Third Party User that has properly executed the Public Party License and the Council in the case of the User and Distribution License.
- 1.09** *"Licensor"* means the Counties with respect to the User and Distribution License and the Metropolitan Council with respect to the Public Party License.
- 1.10** *"MetroGIS"* means a regional geographic information systems initiative serving the seven-county Minneapolis-St. Paul (Minnesota) metropolitan area. It provides a regional forum to promote and facilitate widespread sharing of geospatial data. MetroGIS is a voluntary collaboration of local and regional governments, with partners in state and federal government, academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.
- 1.11** *"Parcel Data"* means a form of Geospatial Data created and maintained by the Counties comprised of parcel boundary and associated parcel attribute data that are components of the Regional Parcel Dataset.
- 1.12** *"Policy Board"* means the policy-setting body for MetroGIS, comprised of twelve officials representing counties, cities, schools, watershed districts and the Council.
- 1.13** *"Public Parties" or "Public Party"* means Governmental Interest(s) and Academic Interest(s) as defined herein.
- 1.14** *"Public Party License"* means the Public Party/Third Party User Regional Parcel Dataset License attached and incorporated herein as Appendix B, as may be subsequently amended by the parties hereto.

- 1.15 ***“Regional GIS Project”*** means a MetroGIS project to enhance the completeness, documentation, or accuracy of an Endorsed Regional Dataset, develop a regional dataset to address a Policy Board endorsed priority common information need, or develop or enhance a geospatial application that enhances access to data which addresses a priority information need endorsed by MetroGIS.
- 1.16 ***“Regional Parcel Dataset”*** means an endorsed regional dataset or subset thereof comprised of Parcel Data provided by the Counties and distributed to Licensed Users by the Council. Policies governing the Regional Parcel Dataset are published at <http://www.metrogis.org/data/datasets/parcels/index.shtml#standards>.
- 1.17 ***“Third Party User”*** means a separately licensed third party authorized on behalf of the Public Party to have access to the Regional Parcel Dataset for the Public Party’s internal business or organizational purposes.
- 1.18 ***“User and Distribution License”*** means the User and Distribution License for Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset attached and incorporated herein as Appendix A, as may be subsequently amended by the parties hereto.
- 1.19 ***“View-Only Access”*** means a mechanism making geospatial data accessible by non licensees via an Internet Mapping Application where such access does not permit the source data to be downloaded in its native format (e.g. shapefile) but rather viewed online or downloaded only as an image for which there are no restrictions on its use.
- 1.20 ***“Web Service”*** means a software component accessible via the Internet for use in other applications. Web services are built using industry standards such as XML and SOAP and thus are not dependant upon any particular operating system or programming language, allowing access to them through a wide range of applications.

## II. LICENSED DATA USE AND DISTRIBUTION

- 2.01 ***Access to and Updates of Parcel Data.*** The Council shall have access, pursuant to execution of the User and Distribution License attached and incorporated as Appendix A, to each County’s Parcel Data, exclusive of property line dimensional data: (1) for its own internal business use consistent with all terms and conditions of the Use and Distribution License as a Licensed User like any other Public Party; and (2) for distribution as Licensor to Public Parties and Third Party Users pursuant to a properly executed Public Party License. The Counties shall provide Parcel Data updates to be incorporated by the Council into the Regional Parcel Dataset according to a schedule agreed to by MetroGIS, the Council, and the Counties.

- 2.02 *Authorized Distribution.*** The Council is authorized by each of the Counties as Licensor to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset to each Licensed User that meets the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The license which governs Licensees' access to and use of the Regional Parcel Dataset is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.03 *Data Development Fee Waiver.*** For the purposes of the distribution of the Regional Parcel Dataset to Licensed Users pursuant to this Agreement, the Counties agree that the Council may provide access to the Regional Parcel Dataset free of charge to each Public Party or Third Party User that has properly executed a Public Party License.
- 2.04 *Reproduction and Distribution.*** Unless the parties agree otherwise, the Council shall provide for the electronic distribution of the Regional Parcel Dataset via DataFinder or comparable distribution mechanism at no charge to Public Parties and Third Party Users meeting the terms and conditions of, and executing, the Public Party License provided by the Council pursuant to this Agreement. The Council may distribute all or a portion of the Regional Parcel Dataset to Licensed Users via other media, such as CD-ROM or web service.
- 2.05 *Reservation of Rights.*** Each County shall retain all right, title and interest in its respective Parcel Data incorporated into the Regional Parcel Dataset. Nothing herein is intended to limit the right of the Counties to license, sell or otherwise distribute their individual Parcel Data.
- 2.06 *Notices.*** The Council shall promptly forward to the appropriate Counties' Authorized Representatives any written correspondence from a Licensed User pursuant to the Public Party License.

### **III. COUNCIL FUNDING TO COUNTIES AND DATA SHARING COMMITMENTS**

- 3.01 *Council Funding Commitments.*** During the term of this Agreement, the Council shall annually distribute \$28,000 evenly among the Counties (\$4,000 to each). The Council will make the annual payment to each County upon receipt of an invoice from the County. The funds distributed to the Counties are intended to help cover the costs of performing the tasks described in Section 3.03. These funds may also be used to foster GIS user group activities.

Receipt of these funds does not preclude any County from receiving funding under the MetroGIS Regional GIS Project program, provided the project funding is not related to responsibilities or tasks for which the \$28,000 is distributed to the Counties under this Agreement. Any funding received for Regional GIS Projects, if available from the Council, will be governed and allocated via project-specific agreements between the affected parties.

- 3.02 *County Commitments (ongoing):*** Each County agrees to continue to support MetroGIS objectives including:

- (1) Making its Parcel Data and metadata available to Licensed Users through the Council in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Public Party License and in accordance with custodial roles and responsibilities for Endorsed Regional Parcel Dataset and undertaken for the benefit of the MetroGIS community;
- (2) Reviewing of its Parcel Data metadata for accuracy not less than annually and submitting any resulting modifications to the Council serving in its role as regional custodian;
- (3) Providing annually, upon request by the Council, certain attributes and other land use type data, if maintained by the County, as listed in Section 2.06 of Appendix A. These data are solely for the Council's internal business needs, are subject to the same requirements as provided in the User and Distribution License, and shall not be redistributed.

**3.03 County Commitments (Project Specific):**

- (1) Each County agrees to:
  - (A) Fully populate incomplete or missing attribute fields in the Regional Parcel Dataset, to the extent the subject attribute data are maintained for internal business purposes by the County,
  - (B) Submit to the Council, serving in its role of Regional Custodian for the Regional Parcel Dataset, a schedule by March 31, 2009 for completion of the Item 3.03 (1)(A),

(2) The following listing of parcel attributes is provided for purposes of priority setting:

- Dwelling Type (DWELL\_TYPE) & Home Style (HOME\_STYLE)
- Building space or Square Footage (FIN\_SQ\_FT) [*For all uses, not limited to residential*]
- Number of residential units associated with the parcel record (NUM\_UNITS)
- Agricultural Preserves (AG\_PRESERV)
- Use Types (USE1\_DESC, USE2\_DESC, etc.) [*For all uses, not limited to residential*]
- Homestead Status (HOMESTEAD)
- Est. Market Values (inc. Land, Building, Total) (EMV\_LAND, BLDG, TOTAL)
- Deeded Acreage (ACRES\_DEED)
- Polygon Acreage (ACRES\_POLY)
- Parcel "situs" Address parsed into the individual fields defined in the specifications
- Owner Name (OWNER\_NAME)
- Owner's Address (OWNER\_ADD\_L1, L2, L3)
- Taxpayer's Name (TAX\_NAME)
- Taxpayer's Address (TAX\_ADD L1, L2, L3)
- Tax Exempt Status (TAX\_EXEMPT)
- Last Sale Date (SALE\_DATE)
- Last Sale Value (SALE\_VALUE)

- Plat or Subdivision Name (inc. Block & Lot information) (*Several Fields*)

(3) Each County will authorize one or more appropriate individuals to participate in one or more parcel data-related workgroups to be supported by Council staff. These workgroups will be charged with reaching agreement on a methodology (e.g. implement standards) that enables unstandardized parcel attributes to be used in applications that support cross-county decision making. The order in which attribute standardization will be addressed shall be mutually decided by the workgroup participants. This standards-setting work is intended to occur simultaneously with the work described in Section 3.03.

**3.04 *Council Data Sharing Commitments.*** The Council will continue to make metadata and its Geospatial Data available to the Counties.

#### **IV. AGREEMENT TERM AND CONDITIONS**

**4.01 *Term.*** The term of this Agreement shall commence upon January 1, 2009 or upon its execution by the Council and all Counties, whichever occurs later. This Agreement shall remain effective until December 31, 2011, unless extended by amendment or until such time as a County terminates the Agreement related to itself by providing 15 business days written notice to Authorized Representatives set forth in Section 6.04 below to all other parties of this Agreement.

**4.02 *Termination.*** In the instance of a County termination, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to all other Counties and the Council. In the event of a Council termination, this Agreement shall terminate as to all Counties. In the event of termination, access and use of the Regional Parcel Dataset already distributed to Licensed Users or distributed to the Council for the Council's own internal business use shall continue. Following termination by the Council, no further Regional Parcel Datasets shall be distributed by the Council. Following termination by a County, requests for a Regional Parcel Dataset by Licensed Users who meet the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Public Party License shall continue to be honored except the terminating County's Parcel Data shall no longer be included in the Regional Parcel Dataset.

**4.03 *Amendments.*** The terms of this Agreement may be changed or modified by mutual agreement of the Counties and the Council. Such amendments, changes or modifications shall be effective only upon the execution of written amendment(s) signed by the Counties and the Council.

**4.04 *Assignment.*** The Council shall not assign, transfer, pledge, or subcontract any distribution rights or obligations under this Agreement without prior written consent of all Counties. In such case, the Council is responsible for holding any subcontracting entities to the same standards of performance for distribution required of the Council by this Agreement.

**4.05** *Statement of Proprietary Information and Reservation of Title.* The Counties represent that the Parcel Data provided by the Counties pursuant to this Agreement are the exclusive property of the Counties, including, but not limited to, any and all indexes, assert that the Parcel Data includes commercially valuable information which reflects the efforts of skilled development experts and required the investment of considerable amounts of time and public money, and state that they have treated the Parcel Data as trade secret and confidential information. The Council agrees to treat the Parcel Data as proprietary and trade secret information and to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset to Licensed Users consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Counties' representations and statements about the ownership and nature of the Parcel Data. This Agreement does not effect any transfer of title in or to Parcel Data of the Counties. The Council acknowledges that it is granted only a right to use the Parcel Data and distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset as permitted by this Agreement and the Use and Distribution License. This right herein is not coupled with an ownership or any other interest, and the Council shall not assert nor cause nor cooperate with others to assert any right, title or interest in the Counties' Parcel Data.

**4.06** *Secure Handling.* The Council agrees it will not knowingly or negligently allow its employees, agents or independent contractors to copy, sell, disclose or otherwise make the Parcel Data or Regional Parcel Dataset available to anyone who is not a Licensed User, other than as authorized in Section 2.01 of the Council's license agreement (Appendix A) regarding View Only Data Access. The Council agrees to immediately notify the Counties by telephone and in writing if the Council becomes aware of any unauthorized copying or sale of the Parcel Data or Regional Parcel Dataset by a Licensed User, its employees, agents or independent contractors. The Council further agrees to guard against unauthorized disclosure by its own employees, agents or independent contractors by taking appropriate security measures including, but not limited to, providing physical security for copies of the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset and taking all steps the Council takes to protect information, data or other tangible or intangible property of its own that the Council regards as proprietary, confidential or nonpublic. At the request of any County and at the Council's own expense, the Council will use good faith and commercially reasonable efforts to assist the County in identifying any distribution, use, copying, or sale of any Parcel Data or Regional Parcel Dataset by any person or entity in any manner that is contrary to the provisions of this Agreement so long as the County shall have provided the Council with information, or the Council has otherwise acquired information, reasonably justifying the conclusion of the County that such unauthorized distribution, use, copying or sale of the Parcel Data or Regional Parcel Dataset may have occurred.

## **V. LIABILITY**

**5.01** *Liability.* The Counties' and the Council's liability for claims based on alleged or actual inaccuracies in the individual Counties' Parcel Data or the Regional Parcel

Dataset arising from the use of the Regional Parcel Dataset is governed by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466 and Section 471.59 Subd. 1a. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver on the part of the Counties or the Council of any immunities or limits on liability provided by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466, Section 471.59 Subd. 1a or other applicable state or federal law.

- 5.02** *Warranty.* Except for policies agreed to by the parties governing the Regional Parcel Dataset, the Counties' data shall be provided to the Council on an "AS IS" basis and the Counties shall not be required to install, correct, maintain, or support the Parcel Data or any component of the Parcel Data provided to the Council. The Regional Parcel Dataset shall be provided to Licensed Users on an "AS IS" basis and neither the Counties nor the Council shall be required to install, correct, maintain, or support the Regional Parcel Dataset or any component of the Regional Parcel Dataset provided to Licensed Users. Each party to this Agreement shall be responsible for its own errors, acts or omissions to the extent permitted by law. Each party's liability shall be governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466, Section 471.59 Subd. 1a or other applicable state or federal law, rule or regulation.
- 5.03** *Third Party Beneficiary* Licensed Users shall have no third party beneficiary rights to either this Regional Parcel Data and Distribution Agreement or the User and Distribution License.

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 6.01** *Audit.* Any accounts or records associated with the Regional Parcel Dataset shall be audited in the same manner as all other accounts and records of the Counties and the Council, and may be audited, copied or inspected on the Counties' or the Council's premises or otherwise by individuals or organizations designated and authorized by the Counties or the Council at any time following reasonable notification during the term of the Agreement and for a period of six (6) years following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5.
- 6.02** *Merger and Modification.* It is understood and agreed that the entire Agreement between the parties is contained herein and that this Agreement supersedes all oral agreements or negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All items referred to in the Agreement are incorporated or attached and are deemed to be part of this Agreement. Any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of provisions of this Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing as an amendment to this Agreement signed by the parties.
- 6.03** *Non Agency.* Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an agency, joint venture, partnership or other business association of the parties.
- 6.04** *Authorized Representatives.* The following named persons are designated the Authorized Representatives of parties for purposes of this Agreement. The Authorized Representative shall have only the authority specifically or generally

granted by their respective governing bodies. Notification required to be provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided to the following named persons and addresses unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, or in a modification of this Agreement.

<p><b>Metropolitan Council:</b>                  Rick Gelbmann                  GIS Manager                  Metropolitan Council                  390 Robert Street North                  St. Paul, MN 55101</p>	<p><b>Hennepin County:</b>                  William Brown                  Hennepin County                  A703 Government Center                  Minneapolis, MN 55487</p>
<p><b>Anoka County:</b>                  John Slusarczyk or successor                  GIS Coordinator                  2100 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue                  Anoka, MN 55303</p>	<p><b>Ramsey County:</b>                  David Claypool or successor                  County Surveyor                  1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive.                  Arden Hills, MN 55112-3933</p>
<p><b>Carver County:</b>                  Peter Henschel                  600 East 4th Street                  Chaska, MN 55318</p> <p>In addition, notification to the County regarding breach or termination shall be provided to the Office of the Carver County Attorney, 600 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN 55318.</p>	<p><b>Scott County:</b>                  Jim Hentges                  600 E. Country Trail                  Jordan, MN 55352</p>
<p><b>Dakota County</b>                  Lynn Thompson                  Director, Physical Development Division                  14955 Galaxie Avenue,                  Apple Valley, MN 55124</p> <p>In addition, notification to the County regarding breach or termination shall be provided to the Office of the Dakota County Attorney, 1560 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota 55033.</p>	<p><b>Washington County:</b>                  Jim Schug, or Successor                  County Administrator                  14946 62<sup>nd</sup> Street                  PO Box 6                  Stillwater, MN 55082</p>

**6.05 Liaisons.** To assist the parties in the day-to-day performance of this Agreement and to develop service, ensure compliance and provide ongoing consultation, a liaison shall be designated by each party to this Agreement. The parties shall promptly inform all other parties in writing, of any change in the designated

liaison. At the time of execution of this Agreement the following persons are the designated liaisons:

Unless otherwise designated in writing by the Council or County, the liaisons for purposes of administering this Agreement are:

Metropolitan Council: Randall Johnson,  
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Fax No. (651) 430-6017  
[jane.harper@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:jane.harper@co.washington.mn.us)

- 6.06** *Warranty of Legal Capacity.* The individuals signing this Agreement on behalf of their respective governmental units represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement.
- 6.07** *Severability.* The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any paragraph, section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of the Agreement is for any reason held to be contrary to law, or contrary to any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement.
- 6.08** *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Counties and the Council have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives. This Agreement is effective on the date when all parties' authorized representatives have signed this Agreement.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Separate signature page for each county  
combined in to a single master document**

**APPENDIX A**  
**USER AND DISTRIBUTION LICENSE RELATED TO**  
**PARCEL DATA AND REGIONAL PARCEL DATASET**

**License No. 0001**

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**WHEREAS**, certain of the Counties’ Parcel Data have commercial value and have been maintained by the Counties as trade secrets and/or non-public information as provided by applicable State and Federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties, through this User and Distribution License related to Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset (User and Distribution License) desire to make the Parcel Data available to the Council subject to licensing and copyright restrictions and authorize the Council to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset to Public Parties at no charge, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this License; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the Counties’ agreement to waive compensation and fees for Public Parties’ and the Council’s agreement to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset, the Council and Counties agree on the following terms and conditions:

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- 1.15** “*Regional Parcel Dataset License*” means the Public Party/Public Party regional Parcel Dataset License attached as Appendix B to the Agreement

- 1.16 **“Third Party User”** is a third party authorized on behalf of the Public Party to have access to the Regional Parcel Dataset for the Public Party’s internal business or organizational purposes.
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## II. USE OF PARCEL DATA AND DISTRIBUTION OF REGIONAL PARCEL DATASET

- 2.01 **Authorized Uses.** The Council is granted a limited, nonexclusive right to have and use the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset provided the Council complies with and continues to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this License. The Council may use the Parcel Data in the form provided by the Counties for the Council’s own internal business or organizational purposes and for distribution as the Regional Parcel Dataset to Public Parties in accordance with the terms of this License and the REGIONAL PARCEL DATA SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES entered into by the Council and the Counties. The Council may have and use the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset on a corporate-wide basis and may use the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset on an unlimited number of the Council sites, provided the central processing units on which the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset is maintained supports only equipment operated by the Council and the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset is used only for the conduct of the Council’s own internal business by the Council’s employees or in accordance with the terms of the REGIONAL PARCEL DATA SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES.

The Council, as a Licensed User, is granted the right to host Internet Mapping Applications that incorporate the Regional Parcel Dataset so long as the Council restricts users of such Internet Mapping Applications to View Only Access.

- 2.02 **Authorized Distribution.** The Council is authorized as Licensor to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset to each Licensed User, pursuant to a properly executed Regional Parcel Dataset License.

Following receipt of Parcel Data updates from the Counties, the Council periodically may make an updated Regional Parcel Dataset available to each Licensed User. The Counties shall provide metadata to the Council with their Parcel Data and any updates. The Council, as regional custodian, will provide metadata for the Regional Parcel Dataset describing the procedure for distribution.

The Counties agree that such distribution by the Council and use by a Public Party Licensed User does not constitute an infringement of any copyright or license

rights of the Counties for their Parcel Data. The Counties grant to the Council all such license rights as may be required under any copyright or other intellectual property right of the Counties (including any possession of the Counties of a trade secret or of confidential information) to enable the Council to use the Parcel Data pursuant to Section 2.01 and to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset to Licensed Users. The Council will not acquire, copy or provide any County software in connection with its distribution of the Regional Parcel Dataset under this License.

The Council will take reasonable steps to ensure DataFinder, on which the Regional Parcel Dataset is provided, is operating correctly.

- 2.03 *Unauthorized Uses.*** The Council shall not use the Parcel Data on behalf of any other individual, organization, corporation, government entity or any other third party, and shall not copy or disclose the Parcel Data or the Regional Parcel Dataset to any third parties except as referenced in Section 2.02 herein. The Council acknowledges and understands that the Regional Parcel Dataset and the Parcel Data provided by the Counties constitute trade secret or confidential information and that the Counties have all rights and remedies available under applicable state and federal law.
- 2.04 *Regional Parcel Dataset Security.*** The Council agrees to implement appropriate security procedures to prevent unauthorized disclosure of the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset including, but not limited to, providing physical security for copies of the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset and taking steps it takes to protect information or data of its own that it regards as proprietary, confidential or nonpublic. All employees of the Council having access to the Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset shall be informed of the requirements of this License and the REGIONAL PARCEL DATA SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES. The Parcel Data and Regional Parcel Dataset shall be kept in a secure location and maintained in a manner so as to reasonably preclude unauthorized persons from having access to it. The Council agrees to promptly notify the Counties pursuant to Section 5.04 of this License if the Council becomes aware of any unauthorized duplication, sale or other disclosure.
- 2.05 *Reservation of Rights.*** The Counties shall retain all rights, title and interest in their respective Parcel Data incorporated into the Regional Parcel Dataset, including the right to license to other users their own individual parcel datasets.
- 2.06 *Other Parcel Attribute Data for Council's Internal Purposes.*** In addition to the parcel attributes that are components of the Regional Parcel Dataset, at the Council's request, each County agrees to provide the data in Items 1 & 2, below, to the Council, to the extent maintained by each County, not more than once each year. The data can be provided in the format maintained by each County, to the extent these data are available. The Council will use these data for its internal business purposes.

**1. Land use code for taxation purposes:**

Anoka = PCA\_CODE, STC\_CODE  
Carver = USE, CCODE  
Dakota = USE1- USE4, XUSE1 - XUSE4, ZONE1 - ZONE4  
Hennepin = SR1PT - SR4PT, SR1Use Code-SR4UseCode  
Ramsey = EUCLAS, EUCDSC, "CODE" from CAMA Land data file  
Scott = CARCDS, HSSTAC  
Washington = Use Classifications and more uses indicator

**2. Additional data, not components of the Regional Parcel Dataset:**

Any other property use related fields not stipulated in Item 1 above, and

- Structure Type (Non-Res. Structures)
- Number of Nonresidential Units

**III. LICENSE TERM AND TERMINATION**

**3.01 *Term.*** The term of this License shall commence upon execution of this Use and Distribution License by all Counties and by the Council and shall remain in effect unless terminated in accordance with provisions of Sections 4.01 and 4.02 of the REGIONAL PARCEL DATA SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES between the Counties and the Council.

**3.02 *Modification of License Terms.*** This License may be modified upon notification of changes given by the Counties to the Council and acceptance of the new terms of the License by the Council. Such notice will be provided in writing or electronically to the Authorized Representative and shall be deemed accepted by the Council by the Council's continued use of the Parcel Data or distribution of the Regional Parcel Dataset, or failure to object within 20 business days, whichever occurs first.

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- 5.05 *Audit.*** The Council’s books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this License are subject to examination by the Counties for a minimum of six (6) years.
- 5.06 *Merger and Modification.*** It is understood and agreed that the entire License, including the REGIONAL PARCEL DATA SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES to which this License is attached, is contained herein and that this License supersedes all oral agreements or negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All items referred to in the License are incorporated or attached are deemed to be part of this License.
- 5.07 *Government Data Practices Act.*** The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, applies to this License. Applicable provisions of the Act supersede any contrary or inconsistent provisions in this License.
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- 5.09 *Survival of Provisions and Obligations.*** It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligations and warranties, which by their sense and context are intended to survive the performance and termination of this License, shall so survive the expiration, termination or cancellation of this License. Obligations respecting confidentiality of the Parcel Data or Regional Parcel Dataset shall survive termination of this License for any reason, and the Council and the Counties shall remain entitled to enforce their rights and interests in the Parcel Data or Regional Parcel Dataset.
- 5.10 *No Agency.*** Nothing in this License shall be construed to create an agency joint venture, partnership or other form of business association between the Licensed User and the Counties or between the Licensed User and the Council.
- 5.11 *Counterparts.*** This License may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5.12 *Third Party Beneficiary.*** Licensed Users shall have no third party beneficiary rights to either the Regional Parcel Data and Distribution Agreement or this User and Distribution License.

**Metropolitan Council**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX B**  
**Public Party Regional Parcel Dataset License**

<b>CHECK APPLICABLE LICENSED USER:</b>	
____ <b>PUBLIC PARTY'S Name:</b> _____	<b>License No:</b> _____
____ <b>THIRD PARTY USER'S NAME:</b> _____	<b>License No:</b> _____
<b>Department and Mailing Address:</b> _____	
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**THIS LICENSE** governs access to and use of the Regional Parcel Dataset or subset thereof as distributed by the Metropolitan Council (“Council”), as Licensor, on behalf of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Hennepin, Scott and Washington counties (collectively referred to as “Counties”). This License is made by and between the Council, as Licensor, and the Public Party or Third Party User identified above, the Licensed User.

**WHEREAS**, the Counties have independently developed with a significant expenditure of public funds their own county-based Parcel Data; and

**WHEREAS**, certain of the Counties’ Parcel Data available in the Regional Parcel Dataset have commercial value and have been maintained by the Counties as trade secrets and/or non-public information as provided by applicable State and Federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties have made the Parcel Data available subject to licensing and copyright restrictions and have authorized the Council to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset to Licensed Users, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this License; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the Counties’ agreement to waive their cost-recovery fees for Public Parties and the Council’s agreement to distribute the Regional Parcel Dataset, the Licensed User agrees to use the Regional Parcel Dataset subject to the following terms and conditions:

**I. DEFINITIONS**

**1.01** *“Academic Interest”* means a college or university or any other accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

- 1.02** “*Counties*” means Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Hennepin, Scott and Washington Counties.
- 1.03** “*DataFinder*” means an Internet-based application ([www.datafinder.org](http://www.datafinder.org)), supported by the Council on behalf of the MetroGIS community.
- 1.04** “*Endorsed Regional Dataset*” means a geospatial dataset that provides a standardized solution to one or more common geospatial information needs of the MetroGIS community, which has been endorsed by MetroGIS.
- 1.05** “*Geospatial Data*” means electronic data used in a GIS which exist in one of three forms: (1) graphic data (e.g., parcel boundaries, street centerlines and planimetric data captured from aerial imagery such as building footprints, curb lines and contour elevations); (2) non-graphic or attribute data (e.g., tabular records that can be associated with graphic data); or (3) digital imagery or raster data.
- 1.06** “*Governmental Interest*” means all local, regional, state and federal governmental jurisdictions including their respective political subdivisions in the United States.
- 1.07** “*Internet Mapping Application*” means a computer application that enables a user of the Internet to view spatial and attribute data directly over the web via web-based clients.
- 1.08** “*Parcel Data*” means a form of Geospatial Data created and maintained by the Counties comprised of parcel boundary and associated parcel attribute data that are components of the Regional Parcel Dataset.
- 1.09** “*License*” means this Public Party Regional Parcel Dataset License.
- 1.10** “*Licensed User*” means a Public Party or Third Party User that has properly executed the License.
- 1.11** “*Licenser*” means the Metropolitan Council.
- 1.12** “*MetroGIS*” means a regional geographic information systems initiative serving the seven-county Minneapolis-St. Paul (Minnesota) metropolitan area. It provides a regional forum to promote and facilitate widespread sharing of geospatial data. MetroGIS is a voluntary collaboration of local and regional governments, with partners in state and federal government, academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses
- 1.13** “*Public Party*” means a Governmental Interest or Academic Interest.
- 1.14** “*Regional Parcel Dataset*” means an Endorsed Regional Dataset or subset thereof comprised of Parcel Data provided by the Counties and distributed to Licensed

Users by the Council. Policies governing the Regional Parcel Dataset are published at <http://www.metrogis.org/data/datasets/parcels/index.shtml#standards>.

- 1.15** *“Third Party User”* is a separately licensed third party authorized on behalf of the Public Party to have access to the Regional Parcel Dataset for the Public Party’s internal business or organizational purposes.
- 1.16** *“View-Only Access”* means a mechanism making geospatial data accessible by non licensees via an Internet Mapping Application where such access does not permit the source data to be downloaded in its native format (e.g. shapefile) but rather viewed online or downloaded only as an image for which there are no restrictions on its use.

## **II. LICENSED DATA DISTRIBUTION**

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The Licensed User is granted the right to host Internet Mapping Applications that incorporate the Regional Parcel Dataset so long as the Licensed User restricts users of such applications to View Only Access.

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**Metropolitan Council**

**By** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Party [check appropriate box(es)]**

**ف** I certify that the Public Party is a Governmental Interest or Academic Interest pursuant to the definitions herein and that in executing this License on behalf of the Public Party I represent that I am duly authorized to execute this License on behalf of the Governmental Interest or Academic Interest and represent and warrant that this License is a legal, valid and binding obligation and is enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**ث** I certify that the below signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Third Party User) is authorized by the Public Party as a Third Party User pursuant to the definitions herein until \_\_\_\_\_ (date), unless modified by the Public Party in writing to the Council. As the authorized Third Party User, the Public Party shall indemnify, to the extent permitted by law, the Council and Counties for any costs, including legal costs incurred by the Council or the Counties in the event the Third Party User violates any terms or conditions of the License.

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(authorized signature) on Behalf of the Public Party Identified Above

\_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person for the Public Party:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Party User:**

**I am duly authorized by \_\_\_\_\_, the Public Party, to execute this License as the Public Party's Third Party User** and I certify that in executing this License on behalf of the Third Party User I represent that I am duly authorized to execute this License on behalf of Third Party User and represent and warrant that this License is a legal, valid and binding obligation and is enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(*authorized signature*) **on Behalf of the Third Party User**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*printed name*)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person for the Third Party User:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Party:** \_\_\_\_\_