

IDs FOR MINNEAPOLIS!

Our Vision

All residents of Minneapolis will have access to an official city identification allowing them to access public resources that Minneapolis offers to its residents – improving health and safety and ensuring that everyone will be able to fully participate in civic and economic life of Minneapolis.

A Universal Key

A Minneapolis Municipal ID card will be used as a universal “key” to unlock all Minneapolis resources and ensure greater access for all city residents to:

- Open bank accounts
- Lease apartments or purchase a home
- Apply for a library card
- Access to public healthcare and other services (clinics, shelters and food shelves)
- Be more inclined to report crimes, in particular crimes of robbery and domestic abuse

Combating Barriers to Identification

Currently, some residents in Minneapolis face barriers to accessing common city resources because they are unable to obtain other forms of official identification. A Municipal ID will provide Minneapolis with a direct solution that will yield many positive results.

Campaign Mission

This campaign seeks a Minneapolis Municipal ID Card that creates a sense of unity among all residents of the city of Minneapolis. Specifically, this campaign seeks to work with the Mayor and City Council to provide a city identification card that will:

- Serve as proof of identity and residency
- Serve as an acceptable proof of identification with city police
- Include information about the card holder’s medical conditions and allergies
- List emergency contacts
- Promote the local economy by providing discounts to cardholders who shop at Minneapolis businesses, restaurants, museums who opt to provide a local resident discount.
- To be used as a public library card
- As a chargeable pass card for city transit for parking meters, bus, light rail and bicycles.

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Frequently asked questions

1. Will I be able to use this card as acceptable identification to open a bank account?

Yes, banks around Minneapolis have told campaign organizers that if the city endorses this as acceptable identification that they will also accept it as official identification.

1. Will this identification target certain groups – such as immigrants or homeless?

While certain groups are frequently targeted for reasons of racial and/or class discrimination, the Municipal ID will not serve as an immigrant or homeless identification card. This card will be secure form of identification with features that would prevent forgery and not one that will provide details of immigration or income status. All Minneapolis residents will have access to and be encouraged to apply for a Minneapolis Municipal ID for one of its multiple benefits – as identification, as a city transit user or as a supporter of their local economy.

1. Will I have to pay for a Minneapolis Municipal ID?

Like all forms of identification, the Municipal ID will have a cost. The costs would support the price of the card and administrative costs of the operation. In other cities, the Municipal ID is offered on a sliding scale from \$5 for low income, to \$15 regular price and in other cities upwards to \$25.

1. Who will be eligible for a Minneapolis ID?

All residents, including adults and children will be eligible for the Minneapolis ID. Applicants will need to provide proof of identity and residency in Minneapolis. Campaign organizers support the San Francisco list of eligible proofs of identity and residency as an example for the city of Minneapolis to follow. Go to <http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=113> to read San Francisco's list of acceptable proof of identification.

1. Can I use the Municipal ID as a driver license or to board an airplane?

No, the Minneapolis ID is for city identification only and cannot be used as a driver's license nor for air travel.

1. Have other cities passed Municipal ID laws?

Yes, the cities of New Haven, CT, San Francisco and Oakland, CA as well as Princeton, NJ and Trenton, NJ have passed laws to create Municipal IDs. They have a proven track record of success and would also work in Minneapolis. The cities of Minneapolis, Chicago, Marin County and Richmond, CA currently have campaigns to enact a Municipal ID.

1. Where can I get more information about other Municipal ID campaigns?

Visit the following websites for information about Municipal ID's in other states and cities across the country.

http://www.sfgov.org/site/countyclerk_index.asp?id=78261

<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=113>

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/Government/NewHavenResidents.asp>

<http://oaklandcityidcard.org/about/>