

CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE

DATE: August 2, 2012
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Cathy Iago, City Clerk/Administrator
RE: Discuss Providing Resident Mailing List for Election Candidates

BACKGROUND: The Clerk normally receives requests from City candidates running for municipal offices for a list of all residential properties in Sunfish Lake to be use for mailing information. In the past, I have denied such requests because the list of residential properties included unlisted telephone numbers.

Staff now has a mailing list of only addresses that is used for mailing the City newsletter; therefore, a list of addresses could now be provided without violating Data Privacy laws. The only drawback is that the list includes some properties that are owned by corporations or persons living out-of-town because it is taken from the Dakota County property records.

As an alternative, the candidates do have the option to request a mailing list of all registered voters within the city from the Secretary of State's office for a fee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion with Council regarding whether or not the City should provide a mailing list of residential properties in Sunfish Lake for candidates running for municipal offices and charge an administrative fee to produce this information. The fee would include the cost of printing and mailing the labels to candidates.