



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Tim Murray, City Administrator
FROM: Deanna Kuennen, Com and Econ Dev Director
MEETING DATE: April 23, 2019
SUBJECT: 2019 Minnesota Real Estate Awards – Municipality of the Year

Background:

The City of Faribault was named "Municipality of the Year" at the 2019 Minnesota Real Estate Awards, hosted by the Minnesota Real Estate Journal on April 11, 2019. A panel of six judges evaluated nominations, identifying the cities of Apple Valley, Blaine, Faribault, and Fridley as finalists. Faribault was selected as the winner, based on recent economic development activities and successes in the areas of advanced manufacturing (Daikin Applied new manufacturing facility), food production (Faribault Foods \$150 million vertically integrated food manufacturing facility), and foreign direct investment. Staff will present the award to the City Council.

Competing against the Guardian Angels Riverview Landing – 168,000 SF independent/assisted living facility in Otsego and the Sanford Joe Lueken Cancer Center in Bemidji – Daikin Applied Air, Faribault MN also was awarded Greater Minnesota Project of the Year.

