

**CITY OF HOPKINS
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE
CITY CHARTER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hopkins, Minnesota will conduct a public hearing on January 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers at 1010 1st St. S., Hopkins, to consider oral and written testimony concerning proposed amendments to Chapter 4 of the Home Rule Charter of the City.

The Charter Commission recommends that the amendment be adopted by ordinance of the City Council in the manner prescribed by Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12, subdivision 7. Under that procedure, after the public hearing, the ordinance is enacted if it receives an affirmative vote of all members of the City Council and is approved by the Mayor and published as in the case of other ordinances. The adopting ordinance is effective 90 days after its passage and publication. If within 60 days thereof, a petition requesting a referendum signed by registered voters equal in number to five percent of the registered voters in the city, or 2,000, whichever is less, is filed with the City Clerk, the ordinance is not effective until approved by the voters in a general or special election or the Council may reconsider its action in adopting the ordinance.

The proposed amendments would amend Section 4.02 of the Charter as follows:

Section 4.02. – Candidates

Section 4.02. Candidates. A candidate for a city office shall file an affidavit not more than 70 days and not less than 56 days before the municipal general election with the city clerk, or application on behalf of any qualified voter of the city whom they desire to be a candidate may be made as per state law. In either case, the filing fee shall be \$25.00. Such affidavit or application shall state that the candidate is a qualified voter of the city, and name the office for which he is a candidate. Any candidate may withdraw not later than 12:00 noon of the day following the last day for filing by filing a notice of withdrawal with the city clerk.

The City Council must adopt a resolution requiring a write-in candidate for mayor or city council who wants their write-in votes to be counted in the general election to file a written request with the city clerk within the timeline established in Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.09, subdivision 3. All write-in votes cast for candidates who have not filed a written request to have these votes counted shall be treated collectively as votes for a single candidate.

Anyone wishing to express an opinion about the proposed amendment orally or in writing will be heard at the public hearing.

Dated: December 3, 2024.

/s/ Amy Domeier City Clerk

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