

Ordinance No. 1421

Amending the Name, Boundaries, Powers and Construction of Government Chapter of the Fridley City Charter

The Fridley City Charter Commission has completed its review of the Fridley City Charter Chapter 1 and has recommended an amendment of the City Charter by Ordinance to the City Council on February 5, 2024. The Fridley City Council hereby finds after review, examination and recommendation of the Charter Commission that the Fridley City Charter should be hereby amended and the City of Fridley does ordain:

Fridley City Charter

Chapter 1. Name, Boundaries, Powers and Construction of Government

Section 1.01 Definitions

Home Rule Charter, City Charter, Charter: The City of Fridley's local constitution.

Home Rule Charter Commission: A body of 15 Fridley residents appointed by the district court who work collaboratively to evaluate and propose changes to the Fridley City Charter that reflect the importance of the Charter to enable effective government operations that reflect the values of residents.

Voter: A registered voter who lives in the City.

~~Section 1.01~~Section 1.02 Name and Boundaries

Upon the taking effect of this Chapter, the Village of Fridley in the County of Anoka and State of Minnesota shall become a City under the name of City of Fridley and shall continue to be a municipal corporation with boundaries the same as they now are established or as they may hereafter be established.

Section 1.03 Charter, A Public Act

The Charter was approved by voters on September 10, 1957. It is a public act and need not be pleaded or proved in any case.

~~Section 1.02~~Section 1.04 Powers of the City

The City of Fridley:

shall have perpetual succession;

may sue and be sued;

may use and alter its seal at pleasure;

shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with;

may take by purchase, condemnation, gift, devise, or otherwise, and hold, lease, sell and convey all such real and personal property as its purposes may require, or the transaction of its business may render convenient, within or without the limits of the City;

may acquire, construct, own, lease and operate public utilities, and render public service of every kind;

may grant franchises or licenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of public utilities in, over, upon and under the streets and public places in the City, and shall have power to fix and regulate the fares, tolls, or charges which may be collected, the extensions which shall be made, and regulate the services which shall be rendered by any owner or operator of a public utility franchise or license;

may assess, levy and collect taxes, for general or special purposes, on all subjects or objects which the city may lawfully tax;

may borrow money on the faith and credit of the City or on a public utility or other property owned by the City or the revenues therefrom by the issuance and sale of bonds or certificates of indebtedness;

may appropriate the money of the City for all lawful purposes;

may provide for, construct, regulate, and maintain public works and local improvements;

may levy and collect assessments against real property within the City for local improvements and services including garbage and refuse collection and disposal;

may license and regulate persons, corporations and associations engaged in any occupation, trade or business;

may define, prohibit, abate, and suppress all things detrimental to the health, ~~moral~~, comfort, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the City, and all nuisances and causes thereof;

may regulate the construction, height and materials used in all buildings, and the maintenance and occupancy thereof;

may regulate and control the use for whatever purposes of the streets and other public places;

may make and enforce local police, sanitary, and other regulations;

may pass ordinances for maintaining and promoting the peace, good government and welfare of the City, and for the performance of all the functions thereof;

shall have all the powers possessed by municipal corporations at common law;

shall have, retain and may exercise all powers, functions, rights, and privileges, heretofore possessed by the Village of Fridley;

may exercise such powers beyond its corporate limits as may be necessary for the effective exercise of any powers granted herein as now authorized by law;

and in addition thereto, the City of Fridley shall have and exercise all powers, functions, rights, and privileges exercised by, or which are incidental to, or inherent in, municipal corporations and are not denied to it by the Constitution or general laws of the State of Minnesota.

The enumeration of powers herein shall not be construed to limit or restrict the powers granted in general terms, nor shall any specific power granted in this charter be construed to limit or restrict the powers granted in this Section.

In addition to the powers herein and hereafter granted, the City of Fridley shall have full power to deal with all matters of municipal concern and have complete self-government in harmony with and subject to the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota.

~~Section 1.03. Charter, A Public Act~~

~~This Charter shall be a public act and need not be pleaded or proved in any case. It shall take effect fifteen (15) days from and after its adoption by the voters.~~

~~Section 1.04. Definitions~~

~~1. — Eligible voter.~~

~~A resident of the City of Fridley who is qualified to register to vote.~~

~~2. — Registered Voter.~~

~~An eligible voter who is currently registered in the City of Fridley.~~

~~3. — Voter.~~

~~A registered voter who has voted in the City of Fridley within the last four years.~~

4. ——— Electorate.

The whole body of eligible voters.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fridley on this 22nd day of April, 2024.

Scott J. Lund - Mayor

Melissa Moore - City Clerk

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