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(Ord. No. 739, § 4.3, 11-6-2000)

Section 4.4. Hearing of the Public.

At each regular meeting of the council a time shall be set aside for the hearing of citizens.
(Ord. No. 545, § 4.4, 1-2-1990; Ord. No. 739, § 4.4, 11-6-2000)

Section 4.5. Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions.

Except as in this Charter otherwise provided, all legislation shall be by ordinance. An ordinance may provide for fixing and changing fees, rates and other charges by resolution of the city council. The aye and no vote on ordinances, resolutions, and motions shall be recorded unless the vote is unanimous. An affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the council shall be required for the passage of all ordinances and resolutions, except that adoption of and amendments to the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance shall require a two-thirds majority of all members of the council and except as otherwise provided by this Charter or required by state law.
(Ord. No. 739, § 4.5, 11-6-2000)

Section 4.6. Dominance of the Comprehensive Plan.

The council may not adopt any ordinance that conflicts with the comprehensive plan.
(Ord. No. 739, § 4.6, 11-6-2000)

Section 4.7. Procedure on Ordinances.

Every ordinance shall be presented in writing. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject which shall be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be in the words, "The City Council of the City of Northfield Does Ordain." No ordinance except an emergency ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced and at least three days shall elapse between its introduction and final passage.
(Ord. No. 739, § 4.7, 11-6-2000)

Section 4.8. Emergency Ordinances.

An emergency ordinance is an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, morals, safety or welfare in which the emergency is defined and declared in a preamble thereto, and shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the council. No prosecution shall be based upon the provisions of any emergency ordinance until twenty-four hours after the ordinance has been filed with the city clerk and posted in three conspicuous places or until the ordinance has been published, unless the person charged with violation has actual notice of the passage of the ordinance prior to the act or omission complained of.
(Ord. No. 739, § 4.8, 11-6-2000; Ord. No. 863, 7-9-2007)

Section 4.9. Procedure on Resolutions.

Every resolution shall be presented in writing and read in full before a vote is taken thereon, except when resolutions are submitted in a consent agenda or when the reading of a resolution is dispensed with by unanimous consent. Failure to request reading in full shall be deemed to be consent to less than a full reading.
(Ord. No. 545, § 4.7, 1-2-1990; Ord. No. 739, § 4.9, 11-6-2000)

Section 4.10. Signing and Publication of Ordinances and Resolutions.

Every ordinance or resolution passed by the council shall be signed by the mayor and attested, filed and preserved by the city clerk. Every ordinance shall be published at least once (1) in the official newspaper in either summary form or in total, as the council shall determine. If it is determined that the ordinance shall be published in summary form, the summary shall adequately reflect the subject matter of the ordinance and shall further state that the complete text of the ordinance is on file at the office of the city clerk, and may be obtained from the city clerk at no cost. To the extent and in the manner provided by law an ordinance may incorporate by reference a statute of Minnesota, a state administrative rule