

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO NORTHFIELD CITY CHARTER

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Northfield on October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 Washington, Northfield, Minnesota, to receive public input regarding certain proposed amendments to the Northfield City Charter.

Alternate methods for public input rather than in person participation at a meeting:

- eComment – Residents can comment on agenda items until 12 pm on the day of the meeting by using the eComment (electronic comment) system. Once the City Council agenda is published, the eComment link will be active. Residents can review agenda item details, indicate their position on an item and leave feedback by clicking on the eComment tab on the City Council meetings page: <https://northfield.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- Send an email no later than 12:00 Noon the day of the meeting to the City Clerk Lynette Peterson at lynette.peterson@ci.northfield.mn.us noting public hearing comment in the subject line and type your comment in the body of the email or attach a document if necessary. These emails will be read at the meeting, subject to the two-minute limit.
- Send a letter containing your input to:
 - City Clerk Lynette Peterson, City of Northfield, 801 Washington Str., Northfield, MN 55057
 - Letters must be received prior to the meeting.

The City Council may enact the proposed amendments, or some of them, by ordinance following the public hearing. Any such ordinance will receive two readings by the City Council and will be published following passage by the Council. Statutory provisions for a petition for referendum on such an ordinance will apply. The text of the proposed amendment is printed below.

SECTION 1. Northfield City Charter, Chapter Four. - Procedure of Council, Section 4.5. - Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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.~~ An affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the council shall be required for the passage of all zoning ordinances, except that adoption of and amendments to the comprehensive plan and the adoption or amendment of any portion of a zoning ordinance which changes all or part of the existing classification of a zoning district from residential to either commercial or industrial requires a two-thirds majority of all members of the council and except as otherwise provided by this Charter or required by state law.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect ninety days after its publication.