

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 August 19, 2025 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@northfieldmn.gov 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 not be read at the meeting.
- 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 and will not be read at 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:

Northfield City Charter Chapter 3 – Form of Government – Section 3.5- Vacancies in the Council or in the Office of Mayor - is hereby amended as follows: (new material underlined; deleted material is lined out.)

Section 3.5. Vacancies in the Council or in the Office of Mayor.

An elective office becomes vacant when the person elected or appointed thereto dies before taking office or fails to qualify, or the incumbent dies, resigns in writing filed with the city clerk, fails to attend council meetings for sixty (60) days without just cause, is convicted of a felony, ceases to reside in the city or ward from which elected, or is adjudged incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction. In each such case, the council shall by resolution declare the vacancy to exist and shall forthwith appoint an eligible person to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs ~~between July 1 and December 31~~ on or after July 1 and on or before December 31, the appointee shall serve until ~~the end of the following year~~ the qualification of a successor elected at the end of the following year. If the vacancy occurs ~~between January 1 and June 30~~ on or after January 1 and one or before June 30, the appointee shall serve until ~~the end of the current year~~ the qualification of a successor elected at the end of the current year. A replacement shall be elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the year in which the appointment expires. A special election shall be held if no regular municipal election is scheduled for that date. The elected replacement shall serve a full term if the term of the person requiring replacement ends at the end of the year in which the replacement election occurs. Otherwise the elected replacement shall have a shortened term that fills the unexpired part of the term of the person requiring replacement. The ballot which contains an election to fill a shortened term shall clearly state the length of the shortened term to be filled.