

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 November 20, 2018, 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.

The text of the proposed amendment is printed below. Sections which are only proposed to be re-numbered are only set forth below as to their number and title (text is omitted).

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.

Northfield City Charter Chapter 3 – Form of Government, Section 3.8 – The Mayor is hereby amended as follows: new material is underlined; deleted material is lined out; sections which are not proposed to be amended are omitted; sections which are only proposed to be re-numbered are only set forth below as to their number and title (text is omitted).

**CHAPTER THREE. – FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Section 3.8. - The Mayor.

Subd. 2. *Executive Functions.* The mayor shall exercise all powers and perform all duties conferred on the mayor by state law, this Charter, city ordinances, and council resolutions. The mayor shall ~~study~~ review the administration and operations of the city through an operational audit and shall report to the council findings and recommendations. ~~any neglect, dereliction of duty, or waste on the part of any officer or department of the city.~~ The mayor shall appoint and remove, with the approval of the council, such professional services as the mayor shall deem necessary to complete the operational audit. This review shall be conducted every two years and the report prepared in compliance with all applicable data privacy laws, and shall not include private personnel data, or involve the review of or investigation of any private personnel matter. A summary report of the results of the review required by this subdivision shall be communicated by the mayor to the city council in writing by November 1 of the review year. Additionally, ~~The~~ the mayor may appoint and remove, with the approval of the council, such professional services as the mayor shall deem necessary for other purposes.

If the office of administrator becomes vacant, the mayor, with the approval of the council, shall appoint an acting administrator.

The mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the city for purposes relating to national security or peacetime emergency. Subject to state law concerning emergency management and any local emergency management program consistent therewith, the mayor shall oversee and direct the city's response to any declared emergency.