

CHAPTER FOURTEEN. - CITY HOSPITALS

Section 14.1. - Hospitals and Related Facilities.

The city may own and operate hospitals, convalescent homes, nursing homes, and related medical facilities including medical clinics. Related medical facilities including medical clinics may be owned or operated by the city only if they are found to be necessary for or in aid of the delivery of health care services by the city's hospitals.

(Ord. No. 545, § 14.1, 1-2-1990; Ord. No. 739, § 14.1, 11-6-2000)

Section 14.2. - Hospital Board.

The control and management of all hospitals, convalescent homes, nursing homes, and related medical facilities including medical clinics, now or hereafter owned and operated by the City of Northfield shall be committed to a hospital board consisting of seven (7), eight (8) or nine (9) members as determined by the council. The members shall be residents of the Northfield School District with no more than two members residing outside the corporate limits of the City of Northfield. The members shall not be paid a salary for their services, but shall receive actual expenses while on business of the board. No member of said board shall be an employee of the Northfield City Hospital. The appointments to the board shall be made by the mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the city council. The members shall be appointed for three-year terms. The maximum number of consecutive terms shall be three (3). The members shall be eligible for reappointment after a period of one (1) year off the board. When the size of the board is changed, the terms of the new appointees may be less than three (3) years. Vacancies in the board shall be filled by appointment and shall be confirmed in like manner for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(Ord. No. 739, § 14.2, 11-6-2000)

Section 14.3. - Meetings and Offices.

The board shall hold regular meetings at least once each month and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. At the first regular meeting in February, the board shall elect from its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson. It shall also elect a secretary-treasurer who need not necessarily be from the membership of the board. The officers shall have such duties as the board shall prescribe and shall hold their offices until their successor are appointed and qualified.

(Ord. No. 739, § 14.3, 11-6-2000)

Section 14.4. - Powers.

The board shall have such powers as stated by ordinance. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed to vest any power in the board to construct any additional hospitals or additions to hospitals, convalescent homes or nursing homes, related medical facilities including medical clinics, or appurtenant structures, to buy or sell any of the above, or to levy or impose taxes in the City of Northfield, such powers to be in the city council.

(Ord. No. 739, § 14.4, 11-6-2000; Ord. No. 781, 3-17-2003)

Section 14.5. - Funds.

All funds received from the operations of such hospital or hospitals, convalescent homes, nursing homes, and related medical facilities including medical clinics, and contributions thereto and taxes for such purposes shall be kept in a separate account and used solely for purposes relating to those facilities. The hospital board shall have authority to spend money therefrom but shall comply with the provisions of the Minnesota Uniform Municipal Contracting Law [Minn. Stat. § 471.345].

(Ord. No. 739, § 14.5, 11-6-2000)

Section 14.6. - Reports.

The board shall submit to the city council the annual audit of the city hospital and other reports as requested by the city council.

(Ord. No. 739, § 14.6, 11-6-2000)