

CITY OF FAIRMONT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED FAIRMONT CHARTER AMENDMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Fairmont, Minnesota will hold a public hearing at a meeting of the City Council beginning at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2022, to be held at the Fairmont City Hall, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, Minnesota, on proposed changes to the Fairmont Charter Chapter 1, as outlined below:

ORDINANCE 2022-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER WARD SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont Charter Commission has met and reviewed the City Charter and have recommended amendments to the Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont City Council has heard public comment on the recommended amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Fairmont does Ordain that Fairmont City Charter, is hereby amended as follows (new material is underlined; deleted material is lined out; sections which are not proposed to be amended are omitted):

Sec. 1.02. Division of the city into wards.

The City of Fairmont is hereby divided into ~~four (4) wards, to be called the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards, respectively, to be limited and bounded as established on September 14, 1965,~~ five (5) wards to be called the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Ward, said wards to be bounded and established by the city council from time to time, and continuing to the date of adoption of this charter. In the event of the adoption of an ordinance code the administrative portion thereof shall accurately describe ward boundaries presently in existence. The council may at any time, and shall after each federal census, consider changes in ward boundaries. But any change in ward boundaries shall be for the sole purpose of making the wards as nearly equal in population as practicable, so as to provide equal representation. Any future changes in ward boundaries shall be by ordinance.

Sec. 2.03. Elective Officers.

There shall be a city council composed of the mayor and five (5) members. One (1) council member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each of the ~~four (4)~~ five (5) wards. ~~One (1) council member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the city at large.~~

At the first municipal election under this amended charter, ~~presently scheduled for November 2, 1993,~~ presently scheduled for November 2, 1993 2024 five (5) council members shall be elected. ~~The council member elected at large and the council members from the even numbered wards shall serve for terms of four (4) years.~~ The council members from odd numbered wards shall serve for terms of ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years. The council members from even number wards shall serve for terms of two (2) years. Thereafter, all council members shall serve for terms of four (4) years.

Sec. 2.06. The Mayor.

At the regular election, a mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The mayor shall be elected by and from the electors of the city at large. The mayor shall be a member of the city council, but shall only have a vote as a member of the council in case of a tie. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the council and shall exercise all powers and shall perform all duties conferred and imposed upon him/her by this charter, the ordinances of the city, and the laws of the state. The mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purposes of serving civil process, and by the Governor for the purposes of martial law. In time of public danger or emergencies, the mayor may, with the consent of the council, take command of the police, maintain order, and enforce the law. The mayor shall also appoint with the advice and consent of the council the members of citizen advisory boards and commissions and perform other duties specified by the council. ~~The Councilmembers at large shall also be the mayor pro-tem and~~ The council members shall designate a mayor pro-tem and the person so designated shall serve as mayor pro-tem in the mayor's absence and mayor in case of the mayor's temporary disability or absence from the city. The mayor pro-tem shall retain the right to vote upon all matters before the council.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk