

CITY OF FAIRMONT

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, along with the General Election, for the purpose of electing the following City Council Members:

Mayor	Four-year term
One Council Member Ward 1	Four-year term
One Council Member Ward 3	Four-year term

The following ballot questions will also be voted upon:

City Question 1

Change to Number of Wards and City Council Structure

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to change the composition of the city council, which presently consists of four (4) city council members representing four (4) wards and one (1) city council member at large, to five (5) city council members representing five (5) wards and no city council member at large? (A “yes” vote will change the division of the city from four (4) wards to five (5) wards and will eliminate the city council member at large).

Yes or No

City Question 2

Clarification of Form of Government

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to clarify the form of government from “Mayor – Council Plan” to “Weak Mayor-Council Plan”?

Yes or No

City Question 3

Prohibiting Mayor from Acting as Liaison

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor shall not be a liaison to city boards, commissions or committees?

Yes or No

City Question 4

Authorizing Council Member to Open an Inquiry

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to provide that, “A council member may, based on information received, open an inquiry which may lead to an investigation,” prior to the city council by majority vote making investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any city department?

Yes or No

City Question 5

City Administrator Qualifications

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to delete the requirement that the city administrator shall be appointed “solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications”, and instead provide that the city administrator “shall have a bachelor’s or master’s degree in public administration, public affairs, or public policy, with an emphasis placed on the following qualifications: 1) three years of increased responsibility in leadership/management roles within a municipal or government setting; 2) possess strong financial aptitude and demonstrated budget and financial management skills; 3) working knowledge of municipal finance, budgeting and strategic planning; 4) display a firm understanding of the complexities of municipal utilities; 5) be a highly collaborative leader with a communicative, team oriented, and approachable management style” ?

Yes or No

City Question 6

City Administrator’s Term of Appointment

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to change the length of the city administrator’s appointment from “an indefinite term” to “a term and renewal established at the time of appointment in a written contract”?

Yes or No

City Question 7

City Administrator Subject to Annual Review

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to require that the city administrator shall be subject to an annual review by the city council?

Yes or No

City Question 8

Method of City Clerk Appointment

Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to provide that the city clerk shall be appointed “by the city administrator and approved by the city council”?

Yes or No

City Question 9

Timeline for Adopting City Ordinances

Shall the City of Fairmont’s Charter be amended to delete the requirement that, “At least three (3) days shall elapse between the introduction and the final adoption of all ordinances other than emergency ordinances”?

Yes or No

City Question 10

Procurement of Bids on Contracts Less Than \$5,000

Shall the City of Fairmont’s Charter be amended to delete the requirement that only contracts where the amount involved is more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), unless otherwise provide by an emergency ordinance, shall require the procuring of bids?

Yes or No

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that the polls will be open for voting from seven o’clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) until eight o’clock p.m. (8:00 p.m.), and that all voters of the City of Fairmont will vote at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 920 East Tenth Street, Fairmont, Minnesota.

GIVEN UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE FAIRMONT CITY COUNCIL this 24th day of October 2022.

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