

Regarding the Administrative Citations Charter Amendment pending before the Charter Commission

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As a former city council member and chair of the Charter Commission which drafted the St. Paul City Charter to become the constitution of the City of St. Paul, I believe that amendments to the charter should be rare and considered only when necessary based on broad public consensus.

I believe the city's code of ordinances, routinely developed by the city council, is where the city should be considering imposing new penalties for violations of city laws. This includes the currently proposed imposition of a "civil penalty," also referred to as an administrative citation, of up to \$2,000 for ordinance violations.

Thank you for your deliberations and service to the community.

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