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Resolution adopting map option 6 ("St. Paul M") for filing in the Office of the City Clerk pursuant to Section 4.01.2 of the Saint Paul City Charter.

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WHEREAS, Section 4.01.2 of the Saint Paul City Charter requires that the Charter Commission redistrict after every federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, results from the 2020 federal census were published on September 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.135 subdivision 1, a city that elects its council members by wards may not redistrict those wards before the legislature has been redistricted; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, a redistricting panel appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court released its final orders adopting redistricting plans for Minnesota's legislative districts; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed and received the panel's final order and maps, the Charter Review Committee began its work of redistricting City wards relative to the maps and pursuant to statute; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for redistricting, the City Attorney's Office presented to the Charter Commission and discussed with the Charter Commission its work plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in its Resolution 20-223, articulated standards to help guide the Charter Commission's work; and

WHEREAS, the Council Resolution outlined many of the legal objectives and principles governing redistricting, which objectives and principles the Charter Review Committee and Charter Commission have thoroughly reviewed and considered; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Committee also heard testimony from current and former Ramsey County Elections staff regarding redistricting; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Committee also received technical expertise from a local consultant; and

WHEREAS, with input from the Charter Review Committee, the consultant produced several maps for the Committee's consideration; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.01.2 of the Saint Paul City Charter requires that redistricting occur after the Charter Commission hold public hearings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.01.2, the Charter Commission timely noticed and held public hearings on March 10 and March 11, 2022, with another public hearing timely noticed for March 15; and

WHEREAS, during the March 10 and 11 public hearings, the Charter Review Committee received and considered public comment in oral and written form; and

WHEREAS, taking into account the entire record, including, but not limited to, verbal and written testimony from the public during public hearings, advice from the City Attorney's Office, input from current and former Ramsey County Elections staff, and guiding principles from City Council; and after significant questions and answers directed to and from Committee members, the public, and others who presented to the Commission, the Charter Review Committee on March 15 moved to recommend map option 6 ("St. Paul M") to the Commission for its consideration and final vote; and

WHEREAS, at the March 16 public hearing, the Charter Commission reviewed the basis for the Committee's recommendation, and, after receiving and considering additional public comment in written and oral form, and after significant questions and answers directed to and from Committee members, and taking into account the entire record before it, a majority of the Charter Commission's entire membership moved to adopt the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee and approve map option 6 ("St. Paul M") for filing with the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Charter Commission does hereby adopt map option 6 ("St. Paul M") for filing with the Office of the City Clerk.

Brian D. Alton

Brian Alton, Chair
Saint Paul Charter Commission

March 17, 2022

Date