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Recommending the Amendment to Section 17.07.1. (c), of the Saint Paul City Charter, with regard to Commercial Development Districts and public hearings.

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WHEREAS, Commercial Development District (CDD) applications currently require public hearings to be held within the Ward of the CDD, and

WHEREAS, because of advancements in technology, the Saint Paul City Council can now hold remote public hearings in Council Chamber, in City Hall of Saint Paul, and

WHEREAS, because of advancements in technology, residents can participate in the Saint Paul City Council public hearings remotely,

WHEREAS, the holding the Section 17.07.01 (c) hearings in Council Chambers with remote access will benefit the public,

WHEREAS, all changes to the City Charter must be recommended by the Saint Paul Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council by RES 23-839 requested the Saint Paul Charter Commission to review the following proposed changes to Section 17.07.01 (c):

Section 17.07.01 (c) - Commercial development districts; patrol limits.

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- (1) A commercial development district in an area within the city as designated herein, or created by the council hereafter in accordance with this section. Six (6) commercial development districts are hereby created, whose names and defined boundaries are indicated on maps attached hereto as Exhibits 1 through 6, which are incorporated and adopted herein by reference. The council may by ordinance create new or additional commercial development districts, or amend the boundaries of those already created, only in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (a) The proposed commercial development district shall be submitted in writing, accompanied by a map setting forth its boundaries; and
 - (b) Reasonable public notice of the proposed commercial development district shall be given by the license inspector to residents and organizations in the ward or wards in which said district is to be located; and
 - (c) The council or a committee thereof shall hold **and make priority** a public hearing **in the ward or wards in which said district is to be located** ~~regarding the proposed commercial development district~~ **or alternatively, at the Council Chambers of the Saint Paul City Hall and Ramsey County Courthouse;** and
 - (d) After the foregoing steps, an ordinance designating the new commercial development district and defining its boundaries is adopted upon the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the council.
- (2) The council may by ordinance adopt additional procedural and substantive requirements for the creation or amendment of commercial development districts.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul Charter Commission hereby recommends the following amendment to Chapter 17.07.01 of the Saint Paul Charter:

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