



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 45 of the Administrative Code to define reporting requirements and require that the City's Legislative Agenda be submitted to City Council no later than the first Wednesday in December prior to the commencement of the regular State legislative session.

An Ordinance amending Administrative Code chapter 45 pertaining to the timeline for submission of the City of Saint Paul's Legislative Agenda to City Council.

The City Council of the City of Saint Paul Does Ordain:

Section 1.

Sec. 45.01. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(a) *Lobbyist* means any individual, firm or agency engaged by the city for pay or other consideration to perform lobbying activities for the city. ~~Lobbyist also~~ This includes any city employees required to ~~who must~~ register as a lobbyists with the State of Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.01, subdivision 21 and ~~Sections 10A, subd. 21 and 10A.03.~~

(b) *Lobbying activities* means to appear before a state or federal legislative, executive, or administrative body, including committees, sub-committees, and task forces, to meet state or federal legislative, executive or administrative officials, or to consult with or advise any city official on content or strategies concerning any aspect of a City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda ~~legislative agenda, as defined in this chapter.~~

(c) ~~Federal legislative agenda shall be defined as the compilation of city policies and positions on issues or legislation pending at the federal level of government, and which serves as the basis for the city's lobbying activities.~~

(d) ~~State legislative agenda shall be defined as~~ City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda means the compilation of city priorities, policies and positions on issues or legislation pending at the state level of government, and ~~which serves as the basis for the city's lobbying activities.~~

Sec. 45.02. City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda agenda.

~~At least annually, the city's federal legislative agenda and state legislative agenda shall be recommended by the mayor and reviewed and adopted by resolution of the city council. These agendas may be updated from time to time by resolution, as needed.~~

a. The City of Saint Paul's Legislative Agenda must be annually submitted by the Mayor to the City Council no later than the first Wednesday in December prior to the commencement of the regular State legislative session.

b. The City of Saint Paul's Legislative Agenda must contain the following headings and priorities should be aligned under these topics:

a. Revenue, Taxes and Finance

- b. Capital Investment and Economic Development
- c. Transportation
- d. Parks and Trails
- e. Education and Workforce
- f. Public Safety
- g. Housing Economic and Community Stability
- h. Other Organizations

c. The City Council must review the submitted Legislative Agenda and adopt the Agenda by resolution no later than 30 days after the commencement of the regular State legislative session.

d. An adopted City of Saint Paul's Legislative Agenda may be updated from time to time by resolution of the City Council no later than 30 days before the constitutional date of adjournment of the regular State legislative session.

Sec. 45.03. Lobbyists.

No lobbyist shall engage in lobbying activities without prior authorization by resolution of the city council. All lobbying activities on behalf of the city shall be consistent with the City of Saint Paul's Legislative Agenda ~~city's federal legislative agenda or state legislative agenda~~. All contracts retaining a lobbyist, except lobbyists who are city employees, must be in writing and must include by express reference the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 45.04. Disclosure and conflict of interest.

(a) *Disclosure*. Any lobbyist retained by the city shall, at the time of retention and quarterly thereafter, file with the city clerk a complete list of all current clients of that lobbyist, including representation of any type, full-time or part-time. This requirement shall be made part of the contract by which the city retains the services of such lobbyist.

(b) *Conflict of interest*. During its period of contract with the city, no lobbyist shall lobby the city or city council on behalf of any other client nor on behalf of any other client represent any interest(s) which conflicts with any city policy or position.

Section 2.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.