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Ms. Shari Moore, City Clerk 310 City Hall 15 W. Kellogg Boulevard Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Charter Commission Recommendation to Amend Charter Section § 7.10.

Dear Ms. Moore:

This letter is to advise you that on March 21, 2011, the Charter Commission of the City of Saint Paul voted to recommend that Section § 7.10 of the Charter be amended by ordinance adopted unanimously by the Council, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 410.12, subd. 7 (2010).

Minnesota Statutes § 410.12, subd. 7 (2010) requires the city to publish notice of a public hearing on this proposal within one month of receiving this recommendation. The notice must contain the text of the proposed amendment. The city council must hold the public hearing at least two weeks, but not more than one month after the notice is published. Within one month of the public hearing, the city council must vote on the proposal. It is adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of all seven of the councilmembers and is approved by the mayor. The ordinance must be published as in the case of other ordinances. It becomes effective 90 after passage, approval and publication.

For your convenience I have also enclosed proposed ordinances to accomplish the amendment.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ms. Shari Moore, City Clerk Page 2 March 25, 2011

Sincerely.

Gerald T. Hendrickson Deputy City Attorney

Enclosure

Cc: Council President Kathy Lantry

Councilmembers Mayor Chris Coleman

Deputy Mayor Paul Williams

Charter Commission Chair John Van Hecke Charter Commission Staff Bill Johnson

City Attorney Sara Grewing

An ordinance pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 410.12, subd. 7 (2010) amending Charter Section § 7.10 regarding the Canvass of Election Returns.

The Council of the City of Saint Paul does Ordain:

Section 1.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 410.12 subd. 7 (2010), on March 21, 2011, the Saint Paul Charter Commission recommended to the City of Saint Paul that certain charter amendments, as more fully stated below, be made by ordinance. Public notice has been given and a public hearing has been held according to law. The Council of the City of Saint Paul, by unanimous vote, hereby amends Charter Section § 7.10 as follows:

Section 2.

Section 7.10. Canvass of returns.

Within seven (7) No earlier than three and no later than seventeen days after the election, the city council shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after passage, approval and publication.