



Chief Policy Officer Ordinance Amendment Summary

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Subject: **Ord. 25-50 Amendments**

The Bowie amendment to Ordinance 25-50 proposes a post-legislative session review of an adopted City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda. The City Council must receive a summary of legislative outcomes no later than 30 days following the end of the regular session or special session, whichever is later. This ordinance takes effect 30 days following its passage, approval, and publication.

The Noecker amendment to Ordinance 25-50 clarifies the submission and presentation requirements for the City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda. The amendment would require the submission of the Agenda the first week of December and the presentation of the Agenda the second week of December. Makes minor technical changes to section 45.02, paragraphs (b) and (d).

The ordinance:

- Amends certain definitions to be consistent with the naming of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda and adds a statutory cross-reference to the definition of “lobbyist.”
 - Defines the City of Saint Paul Legislative Agenda as the “compilation of city priorities, policies and positions on issues or legislation pending at the state level of government, and serves as the basis for the city’s lobbying activities.”
- Specifies the Legislative Agenda must contain the following headings and priorities aligned under the following topics: Revenue, Taxes and Finance, Capital Investment and Economic Development, Transportation, Parks and Trails, Education and Workforce, Public Safety, Housing Economic and Community Stability, Other Organizations.
- Requires the Mayor to submit the City’s Legislative Agenda no later than the first Wednesday in December prior to the commencement of the regularly-scheduled legislative session.
- Requires the City Council to review the submitted Legislative Agenda and adopt it by resolution no later than 30 days after the commencement of the regular State legislative session.

- Next year's session begins Tuesday, February 17, which gives the Council until mid-March to adopt the Legislative Agenda.
- Provides that the Council may update by resolution an adopted Legislative Agenda no later than 30 days before the constitutional date of adjournment.
 - Next year's adjournment date for the state legislature is May 18, 2026.