



Legislation Text

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Recommending the amendment to Chapter 4.04 of the Saint Paul Charter pertaining to City Council business meetings.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council is interested in amending Charter Chapter 4.04 regarding the business meetings of the City Council to allow for cancellations of meetings; and

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

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul by RES 18-1727 requests the Saint Paul Charter Commission to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 4.04:

4.04 Business Meetings

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul Charter Commission hereby recommends the following amendment to Chapter 4.04 of the Saint Paul Charter:

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