



Legislation Text

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Recommending the amendment to Chapter 6.03.1 of the Saint Paul Charter pertaining to the imposition of civil penalties for violations of city ordinances.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul would like the ability to implement an ordinance that provides a civil penalty for appropriate violations of city ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that civil penalties will assist in reaching compliance goals in a timely, consistent and appropriate manner, and

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 18-1962 requests the Saint Paul Charter Commission to approve the following proposed changes to Chapter 6.03.1

Sec. 6.03.1 - Legislative ordinances

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul Charter Commission hereby recommends the following amendment to Chapter 6.03.1 of the Saint Paul Charter:

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