



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 6.03.1 of the Saint Paul City 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, the Charter Commission has recommended changes to Chapter 6.03.1 to allow for civil penalties; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby ordain:

Section 1

Section 6.03.1 of the Saint Paul City Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6.03.1 - Legislative ordinances

Subdivision 1. Every act of the council which defines, licenses, regulates, suppresses, prevents or prohibits any act, business or person, grants or modifies any franchise, imposes a civil penalty or punishment or is in any way an exercise of legislative powers, shall be done by legislative ordinance. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, such ordinances shall require an affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the council.

Subdivision 2. The council shall have full power and authority to establish, enforce, alter, amend or repeal a procedure by ordinance to impose civil penalties for each violation of a city ordinance. This procedure must provide an opportunity to be heard by a neutral party.

Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force ninety (90) days following passage, approval and publication.