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**PROPOSED
AMENDMENT
TO THE CITY
CHARTER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY FOR RATIFICATION AND ADOPTION OR REJECTION AT A CITY SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1947. AMENDMENT NO. 1.

**Proposed Amendment to the City Charter.
AMEND SECTION 201 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

"Section 201. The total cost of government, including schools, of the City of St. Paul, in any one calendar or fiscal year shall not exceed the following, viz.:

I. To meet all school expenditures the sum of \$15.00 per capita for each inhabitant of said City exclusive of:

(a) Sums required to pay principal and interest upon bonds, levy certificates, or similar obligations issued for school purposes, together with expenditures made from the proceeds thereof for other than current operation and maintenance.

(b) Sums required by State Law for teachers' retirement appropriations.

(c) All receipts from Federal and State School Aids, departmental receipts and revenues, and all revenues and miscellaneous taxes and revenues now or hereafter dedicated to or intended for school purposes.

Beginning in 1948 at least \$2.50 per capita of the amount appropriated each year for school expenditures shall be reserved for and may be expended for instructional supplies, equipment, maintenance, upkeep and remodeling of buildings and equipment, or new construction. Any part of said reserve not expended in any year shall be carried forward and be added to the appropriation made in subsequent years for remodeling school buildings, new construction, or for school debt retirement.

II. To meet the cost of the City government and departments, other than schools, the sum of \$22.00 per capita for each inhabitant of said City exclusive of:

(a) Sums appropriated to pay principal and interest upon bonds, levy certificates, or similar obligations, together with expenditures made from the proceeds thereof for other than current operation and maintenance.

(b) The cost of operating public utilities, parking meters, garbage or refuse collections and disposal, to the extent that the cost is met by revenues collected from patrons for the service or from other like revenue.

(c) Sums excluded by provision of State laws in effect in the year 1946.

At least \$400,000 of the amount appropriated for the cost of the city government, other than schools, shall be expended in each year in paying the city's share of the cost of street paving, construction of trunk or main sewers, and bridges, including right of way, and if any part of said \$400,000 shall not be so appropriated, it shall be used to pay interest on bonds as a part of the cost of government within the \$22.00 per capita limitation.

Of the aggregate limitation of \$37.00 per capita above provided, no more than \$27.50 per capita may be provided by tax levy on real and personal property.

To secure additional revenues the Council shall have the power, by ordinance, to assess, levy and collect taxes for general or special purposes, on all subjects or objects which the city may lawfully tax, except an ad valorem tax on real and personal property and except a sales or excise tax on clothing, food, rent, or fuel and except an income tax or payroll tax.

The Council shall have no authority to make appropriations in excess of the limitations named herein; provided, however, that notwithstanding any limitation in Section 236 or other provisions of this Charter, the Council shall have authority to contribute out of the

general funds of the City or out of the proceeds of bond issues toward the payment of the cost of trunk or main sewers.

To determine the population upon which these per capita limitations shall be based, the Comptroller and the Council shall take the United States census figures of population for Saint Paul last announced previous to completion of any annual budget, and shall add thereto for each year that has elapsed since said United States census a number equal to one-tenth of the increase in the population of the City of Saint Paul during the period between said census and the last previous United States census.

It is the intent of this section that these limitations shall cover all governmental outlay as well as maintenance of government, except as stated above and in the case of local improvements paid for by special assessments.

Regardless of other provisions of this Charter specifying dates for the adoption of budgets, the City Council in the year 1947 shall have authority to adopt by resolution an amended budget for school expenditures and an amended budget for all other City expenditures, subject to the limitations contained in this section submitted by the City Comptroller, and the Council is hereby empowered to finance such amended budget by the adoption of new revenue estimates for 1947 and the use of any surplus in the General Fund as of January 1, 1947."

HARRY T. O'CONNELL,
City Clerk.

Dated St. Paul, Minn.,
March 14th, 1947.
(St. Paul Pioneer Press, Mar. 15, 22, 29
and April 5, 1947.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF RAMSEY) SS.
CITY OF SAINT PAUL)

KNOW ALL MEN THAT THESE PRESENTS CERTIFY that the attached draft of a proposed Charter amendment to the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, amending the Charter of the City of Saint Paul by striking out Section 201 thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the attached proposed Section 201 as returned to the Chief Magistrate of said City of Saint Paul, Hon. John J. McDonough, Mayor, by the Board of Freeholders appointed by the Judges of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of said State, under and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota, was submitted to the qualified voters of said City of Saint Paul, Minnesota at a special election held in said City on Tuesday, April 15, 1947, at which said election there were cast in favor of said amendment 37,409 votes out of a total vote of 50,262 votes actually cast and counted on the proposed amendment, and said amendment received votes in favor of the adoption and ratification thereof of more than three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at said special election. That all of the votes cast by the qualified voters and electors at said election upon the subject of the adoption and ratification of said amendment were duly returned and canvassed by the properly and duly authorized and official canvassing board of said City, and that said canvassing board, after such canvass, duly declared said amendment to have been duly ratified and adopted by the electors of said City; and it is hereby declared and certified that said amendment was duly and properly ratified and adopted by the qualified voters and electors of said City at said election.

Witness our hands and corporate seal this 28th day of April, 1947.

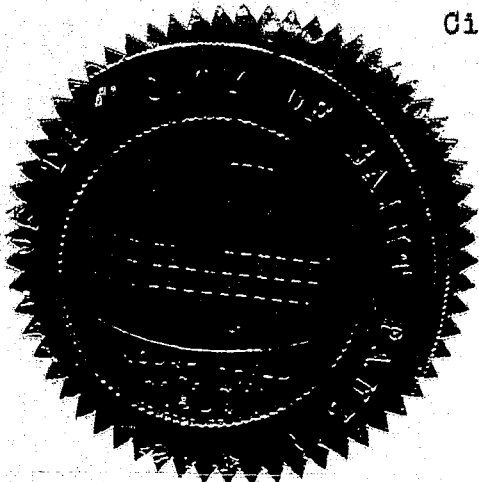
Fred M. Spear

Acting Mayor of the City of Saint Paul

Attest

H. F. Connell

City Clerk



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Wm. H. Johnson
Secretary of State.