

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF CLAY

CITY OF MOORHEAD

I, I. T. Stenerson, Mayor of the City of Moorhead, in Clay County, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing six amendments to the Charter of the City of Moorhead were returned to the Mayor of the City of Moorhead by the Charter Commission duly appointed by the Judges of the District Court for the Fifth Judicial District (formerly Seventh Judicial District) of the State of Minnesota under authority of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, and the laws of Minnesota duly enacted and in force in respect thereto, as a draft of the proposed amendments to the Charter to be submitted to the qualified voters of said City at a special election which was duly called, said special election having been held contemporaneously with the November 5, 1957, General Election and each of the proposed amendments was duly ratified by three-fifths majority of the qualified voters voting thereat. I further certify that the foregoing and annexed amendments to said Charter are true and correct of said amendments that are on file and of record in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, and as presented to the voters for approval or disapproval.

In Witness Whereof, I have signed this certificate and caused it to be authenticated by the Corporate Seal of the City of Moorhead, in duplicate, this 29 day of November, 1957.

I. T. Stenerson  
I. T. Stenerson, Mayor of the City of Moorhead

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Paul A. Cook  
Paul A. Cook, City Clerk

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I, Paul A. Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and acting  
Clerk of the City of Moorhead, herewith certify that the amendments  
to the Charter have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of  
State and have been recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds  
for the County of Clay and have been deposited among the archives of  
the City of Moorhead.

Dated this 3 day of December, 1957.

Paul A. Cook

Paul A. Cook, City Clerk.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEC 26 1957

James L. Thompson  
Secretary of State

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CITY OF MOORHEAD  
CHARTER AMENDMENTS APPROVED NOVEMBER 5, 1957

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEC 26 1957  
Joseph L. Benson  
Secretary of State

First —

**TERM OF OFFICE**

SECTION 6. The term of office of all elective officers except aldermen shall be for two years and shall begin on the first day of January following the regular municipal election. In 1959 there shall be elected one alderman from each ward for a term of four years, and one alderman from each ward for a term of two years, and at each general City Election held biennially thereafter the term of office of each alderman shall be four years. The term of office of all appointive officers, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be for one year and shall be construed as beginning on the first day of February of each year.

All officers, whether elected or appointed shall continue in office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified, and in case an officer is elected or appointed to fill an unexpired term, such term shall expire at the same time that the term of the original incumbent would expire.

Second —

**PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SECTION 52. The Council shall appoint five electors of said City as a Park and Recreation Board who shall have such powers and duties as the Council shall prescribe by ordinance. The board shall consist of one member from each ward and one member designated at large. They shall serve without compensation.

The three Park Commissioners holding office at the time this amendment is adopted shall become members of the Park and Recreation Board and shall continue to hold office for the terms of which they were originally appointed and until successors are appointed and qualified. Of the two members first appointed, one shall be appointed from the Fourth Ward for a term expiring January 1, 1960 and the other designated at large for a term expiring January 1, 1961. Thereafter each member shall serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council.

Third —

**EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

(3) the purchase of property of the value of \$7,500.00 and upwards unless such purchase be approved by unanimous vote of all the aldermen and approved by the mayor, in which case the limit of purchase shall be \$25,000.00.

Fourth —

**PARK FUND MILL LEVY**

SECTION 85 (Paragraph 13). The Park Fund is created for the purpose of buying, maintaining, improving parks and playgrounds and for financing a public instructional and recreational program as prescribed by the City Council. This fund shall be supported by taxation but no larger amount shall be levied therefore in any one year than eight and one half (8½) mills on the dollar assessed valuation of the taxable property in the city.

Fifth —

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SECTION 113, (Paragraph 2) In case of large public gatherings or other unusual occasions, requiring additional police force, the mayor may appoint, as he may deem necessary, such other patrolmen, at a compensation not exceeding that paid to regular members of the department, but such temporary appointment shall not continue in force for more than three days.

Sixth —

**POLICEMEN — QUALIFICATIONS**

SECTION 115. No person shall be eligible to appointment in the police department who is not a citizen of the United States, or able to read and write the English language understandingly, or who has been convicted of a crime. Nor shall any person be eligible to any appointment in any department who is not a qualified elector in the State of Minnesota.

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