

AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHFIELD CITY CHARTER

The proposed amendment is as follows:

CHAPTER 12

Operation Of City Hospitals

Section 1. Hospital Board.

The control and management of all hospitals owned by the City of Northfield shall be committed to a hospital board consisting of five members who shall, at the time of appointment, be freeholders of said city who shall have been residents of said city for a period of not less than five years immediately preceding their appointment. They shall serve without compensation but shall receive actual expenses while absent from the city on business of the board. No member of said board shall be a practicing physician, surgeon, dentist, chiropractor, or osteopath. The appointments to the board shall be made by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Council. The members shall be appointed for a five year term except that the terms of the first members shall expire one in five years, one in four years, one in three years, one in two years, and one in one year. Vacancies in the board shall be filled by appointment and shall be confirmed in like manner for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the board may be removed for cause and upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

Section 2. Meetings and Officers.

The board shall hold regular meetings at least once each month and three members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. At the first meeting to be held in May of each year, the board shall elect from its members a chairman and a vice-chairman. It shall also elect a secretary-treasurer who need not necessarily be from the membership of the board. The officers shall have such duties as the board shall prescribe and shall hold their offices until May first of the year following their appointment and thereafter until their successors are appointed and qualified. The City Attorney and the City Engineer appointed by the City Council shall act in the same capacity for the hospital board.

Section 3. Powers.

Generally the board shall have charge of the administration, operation, and maintenance of all hospitals now or hereafter owned by the City of Northfield and may make such rules, regulations, and by-laws concerning the same as it may deem for the best interest of such hospital or hospitals. The general powers herein granted shall not be considered to be limited by enumeration of specific powers in this provision. The board shall have power: to hire all necessary employees; to fix and pay their compensation; to reimburse officers and employees for expenses necessarily paid or incurred in performance of their duties; to require a bond of any officer or employee and pay the premium thereon; to effect all necessary insurance; to make repairs of the hospital buildings and their contents; to establish and provide for rates and suitable charges for the use of the hospital and its facilities, and for payment and collection of same; to purchase all necessary equipment, apparatus, and supplies; to receive and accept all donations and contributions for hospital purposes that may be made to the City of Northfield and to manage any such gifts that may be in the form of securities or real property; to establish such committees as it sees fit; and to make rules relating to its own procedure and to the administration, operation, and maintenance of such hospital. Nothing in this charter shall be construed to vest any power in the board to construct any additional hospitals or additions to hospitals, or appurtenant structures or to levy or impose taxes in said city; such powers to be in the City Council.

Section 4. Funds.

All funds received from the operations of such hospital or hospitals and contributions thereto and taxes for such purposes shall be in a separate account and used solely for hospital purposes. The hospital board shall have authority to expend money therefrom but shall not make any single expenditure exceeding one thousand dollars except after bids have been received as provided in the charter of the City of Northfield. All warrants and checks drawn on accounts of the hospital shall be signed by two members of the board to be designated by the board.

Section 5. Reports.

The board shall submit to the City Council detailed reports of its operations semi-annually as of the first day of January and the first day of July in each year. The report as of January first shall include an inventory of all property and assets under the hospital board. A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the board shall promptly, after their approval, be filed with the City Recorder.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA }
COUNTY OF PICE } ss

CITY OF NORTHFIELD

ATTEST: I, the undersigned, being a duly qualified and authorized officer of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proposed amendment delivered to the City Council of the City of Northfield by the Board of Freeholders; that Notice of Election on the proposed amendment to the Northfield City Charter was published in the Northfield Independent, the official paper of the city, on January 11, 1960, January 18, 1960, January 25, 1960, and February 1, 1960; that the Amendment was voted upon by the people at the City Election held on March 8, 1960, with results as follows:

Votes cast for the Amendment	1,534
Votes cast against the Amendment	328
Blank Amendment ballots	30

Qualified voters voting at said election 1,892

and that on March 15, 1960, the City Council of the City of Northfield did meet and canvass the returns of said election and declare the amendment accepted and duly adopted to be in effect on and after April 8, 1960.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1960.

Helen C. Hears
City Recorder, Northfield, Minnesota.

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FILED
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Joseph Holman
Secretary of State