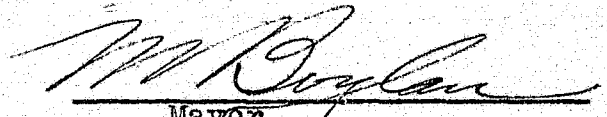


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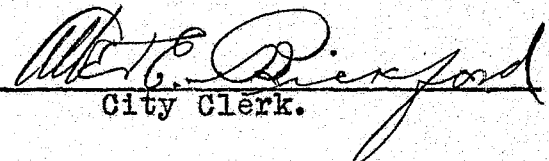
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.

I hereby certify that the hereto attached copies of Amendments to the City Charter of the City of Virginia which Amendments were duly and legally passed at a Special Election held in said City on Tuesday February 3rd, 1914, have been compared by me with the originals thereof on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Virginia, St. Louis County, Minnesota, and that they are true and correct transcripts therefrom and of the whole thereof.



Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Attest, 

City Clerk.

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The board of freeholders of the City of Virginia in St. Louis County, Minnesota, commonly known as the Charter Commission of said city, hereby propose the following amendments to the present charter of said City of Virginia.

(Section 41 entitled Executive Contingent Fund found on Page 13 of the present charter) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 41. EXECUTIVE CONTINGENT FUND. The City Council may during each year appropriate from the general funds of the city from time to time, an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year Fifteen Hundred Dollars to be known as the Mayor's Contingent Fund, from which fund the mayor may pay out such sums as he may deem necessary in case of necessity, to secure information and evidence of crime, and to arrest convicts, and to relieve distress in the event of public calamity in this state, and for such other purpose for the welfare of the city as he may deem advisable.

(Section 63 entitled Compensation, under the General heading Assessor. --Equalization) on Page 19 of the present charter shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 63. COMPENSATION. The assessor and assistants shall receive such compensation as may be fixed annually by the council, such compensation not to exceed in the aggregate, One Thousand Dollars in any one year. Each member of the board of equalization shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of Three Dollars per day for the actual time necessarily employed.

(Section 67 of the Charter entitled City Engineer) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 67. The City engineer shall be a civil engineer of at least three years practical experience as such, whose compensation shall be fixed by the city council and paid in monthly installments. He shall devote his whole time to his duties as city engineer, and shall engage in no other work or business.

(Section 70 entitled Engineer's Fees) of the present charter shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 70. When any person desires to have his lines or corner located or staked or grade established he shall make his application to the city clerk in writing designating what he desires performed by the city engineer, and shall pay to the city clerk for having his boundary lines or grade established, such sum as the city council may by resolution or otherwise fix and determine, and the clerk shall give the applicant a receipt for the money so paid, and notify the engineer what the applicant desires, and a statement specifying the amount paid by the applicant. The city engineer shall then locate and stake such lines or corner or establish such grade in accordance with said application, and make a certificate in writing and deliver the same to the applicant, and to enter in a permanent book to be kept in the office of the city engineer, the grade or corner or lines so established with the date thereof, and such record in connection therewith as will enable a person easily thereafter to locate such corner, line or grade established, and the city clerk shall at the end of each month pay over to the city treasurer all moneys so received by him and make a report thereof to the city council.

Chapter 8 of the Charter entitled Water and Light Department is hereby proposed to be amended as to Sections 149, 151, 153 and 155.

(Section 149) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 149. BY LAWS. RULES. Said board is

hereby vested with full power to make and enforce such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the object and intent of this chapter and to cause all such by-laws rules and regulations to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, and signed by the president and secretary, which, when so entered and signed, shall be open at all times for inspection and shall be evidence in any court of justice. Said board shall fix and maintain the rents and rates for water, heat, power and light furnished by it, so that the water and light fund of the city shall, in each fiscal year, be at least sufficient to defray the cost of the operation and maintenance of the water, heat, power and light system of the city.

(Section 151. Payment in Advance Required) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 151. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE REQUIRED. The board is empowered to require payment in advance for the use of water, heat, power or light furnished by it in or upon any building, place or premises, and in case prompt payment for the same shall not be made, then it shall shut off such water, heat, power or light, and said board shall not again supply said building, place or premises with water, heat, power or light until all arrears, with interest thereon, together with the costs and expenses of turning said water, heat, power or light off and on, shall have been paid. Provided, that if the owner of said building, place or premises shall in writing notify the board that he will not be responsible for water, heat, power or light thereafter furnished, the board shall forthwith shut off such water, heat, power and light supply, and not again supply said building, place or premises with water, heat, power and light, or either of them until such owner withdraws his said notice, unless the applicant for water, heat, power or light shall pay in advance or deposit in advance with said board, such sums of money as the board may require to justify it in furnishing water, heat, power or light in said building, place or premises or any part thereof.

(Section 153 entitled Supplies) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 153. SUPPLIES, SALARIES AND REPORT. All supplies for water, heat, power and light plants or either of them or work required to be done or performed to repair and extend any of said plants, shall be made or procured to be made by the board constituting the water and light commission, but in case the purchases required to be made at any one time or the work and labor required to be performed, shall exceed \$500 in value, except in case of emergency, said board shall invite bids or proposals for the furnishing of the material or supplies or performance of such work, and labor upon advertisement as provided for by Section 109 of this charter, and the proposals or bids shall be filed with the clerk of said commission, and shall by him be opened in the presence of said board, and such contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, who will enter into a contract and give security as required by said board, for the performance of such contract, and said board shall not make contracts which will overdraw the water and light funds in the city treasury, without the consent of the City Council.

All bids contracted for by said board in connection with the operation, repair or extension of said plants, and all bills for labor including all salaries of the secretary, bookkeeper and assistants and employes, shall be audited by said board, and orders shall be drawn for the amount so audited to the person entitled thereto on the water and light funds in the city treasury, and such orders when signed by the chairman and secretary of said board, shall be paid by the city treasurer out of any moneys which may be in the water and light funds in the city treasury. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the power and authority of said board in the regular running or operation of said plants, except that salaries and expenditures shall be audited and paid in the manner above stated.

The clerk of said board shall make monthly reports to the City Council showing receipts, credits, payments, outstanding bills and contracts entered into by said board pertaining to the operation maintenance and extension of said plants, and the balance in the light and water fund in the city treasury, and submit such accounts to said board for its approval before delivering said reports to the city council, and the secretary shall keep a record of each of said reports in the office of said commission, and the city clerk shall file and preserve all such reports in his office, and on demand the water and light commission shall furnish copies of said report to the press.

(Section 155 Extension and Service) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 155. EXTENSIONS.

The city shall not be obligated to make extensions to said plants when in the judgment of said water and light commission, or the city council, such extensions should not be made. In case extensions of said plants are petitioned for and the light and water commission or the city council shall decide that such extensions so petitioned for should not be made at the expense of the city on recommendation of the water and light commission, the city council may make such extensions and provide that the whole or any part of the expense of making such extensions shall be levied against the lots or lands abutting on either side of the street or alley through which such extensions are made, and such expense shall be levied per front foot without regard to the value of the lands or lots so abutting, and such costs of making such extensions or such part thereof as may by the city council be ordered levied against said property with interest thereon at six per cent per annum may be levied in one year, or may be levied to be paid in annual payments extended over a period of not exceeding ten years; but, nothing herein shall be construed so as to prevent the city council on recommendation of the light and water commission from making any such extension wholly at the expense of the city, to be paid for by a general tax levy, and in case it may be found necessary to lay in any street or alley of the business section of said city larger or additional water mains, the same may be laid, and the expense therefor on recommendation of the water and light commission may by the city council be levied as a general tax upon the property of the city generally.

155B. A gas plant may be established by the water and light commission with the approval of the city council and in case it may be established or gas procured by said commission to be used in the city, the word "light" wherever used in this charter shall be construed so as to include gas whether used for light or fuel, and the words "water, heat, power and light" shall be so construed as to include gas whether used for light or fuel.

155C. On the recommendation of the light and water commission the city council may authorize said commission to issue certificates of indebtedness to procure funds to pay any deficiency arising for the payment of interest or principal on any bonds or indebtedness of the city incurred for the purchase of water, heat, power and light plants or for establishing a gas plant or making extensions to said plants. Such certificates when so authorized shall be issued by the light and water commission and shall not be for an amount in any one year exceeding eight mills on the dollar of the taxable value of the property of the city and shall run for a period not exceeding one year from the date of issue, and bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum and shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of said commission.

155D. The city council shall each year levy a general tax sufficient with the available money in the treasury for that purpose, to pay all outstanding indebtedness of the city, whether evidenced

by certificates of indebtedness or otherwise, and all interest on bonds or other indebtedness of the city.

(Section 161 of Chapter 9 of the Police and Fire Commission entitled Organization) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SECTION 161. The administration, management and control of the Police and Fire Departments shall be vested in a board to be known as the Police and Fire Commission of the City of Virginia, which board shall consist of three members to be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of the city council, and who shall serve without compensation. No member of said commission shall hold any other office under any department of the city during his term of office as such commissioner. The term of office of each commissioner shall be six years. And until his successor is appointed and has qualified, PROVIDED, that the first board of commissioners shall be appointed for two, four and six years respectively, as the mayor shall designate when making such appointments. When such appointments have been made and the members of the board so appointed shall have qualified, all the powers and duties of the present commission shall end, and the new commission so appointed shall take the place of the old commission and perform the duties of the commission prescribed by the charter. The proceedings of said commission shall be published with the minutes of the city council.

(Section 225 of Chapter 12 entitled Library Board) shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 225. REPORT. SECRETARY'S BOND. Said board shall make on or before March 31st in each year, an annual report to the city council stating the condition of their trust up till that date; the various sums of money received from the library fund and other sources, and how much moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of persons attending; the number of books loaned out and the general character and kind of such books, and such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest, and shall send one copy of such report to the Minnesota State Public Library Commission, and shall make a quarterly report to the city council of receipts and disbursements. The secretary of said board shall give a bond in such amount and conditioned as the board shall prescribe and subject to the approval of the board before entering upon the duties of his office as secretary.

The present city charter shall be so amended as to add thereto two new sections to be numbered respectively Sections 347 and 348, providing for a Poor Fund and authorizing the city council to appropriate moneys for the support of the poor and for music.

SECTION 347. POOR FUND. The City Council is hereby authorized and directed each year to appropriate from the revenues of said city in the general fund, such sums of money from time to time as shall be necessary and place the same in a fund to be known as the "Poor Fund", and such moneys shall be used for the support of the poor of the city under the general direction of the city council, but the sums so appropriated shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars in any one year. PROVIDED that in case of a general epidemic or great catastrophe requiring a larger appropriation the city council may appropriate for the support of the poor such sums as in its judgment may be necessary, not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year Ten Thousand Dollars. PROVIDED the unanimous vote of all the city council and the approval of the mayor shall be necessary for the passage of any resolution appropriating for the poor fund any sum exceeding Two Thousand Dollars in any one year.

SECTION 348. MUSIC. The city council is hereby authorized during each year to appropriate from the revenues of the city in the general fund Two Thousand Dollars, or such part thereof as it may deem advisable for the encouragement and support of one or more musical bands of the city, and to provide for concerts for the general public of the city. Such moneys shall be paid out only in such manner and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the city council.

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