

State of Minnesota,)
County of Ramsey,) SS.
City of Austin,)

BE IT KNOWN, that I, Charles T. Cook, the duly elected and qualified Mayor of the City of Austin, Minnesota, by authority in me vested, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of certain amendments to the Charter of the City of Austin, which said amendments were proposed to the voters of said City at the general Municipal election held on Tuesday the 3rd day of April, A.D. 1906, and that each and all such amendments as hereto annexed were at said election duly ratified by the voters of said City of Austin.

Dated, Austin, Minn. this 14th day of April, A.D. 1906.

Attest:

J. M. Foster
City Recorder.

Charles T. Cook
Mayor.

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TO THE HONORABLE CHARLES F. COOK,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA.

Sir:-

The duly appointed, qualified, existing and acting Charter Board of the City of Austin, Minnesota, pursuant to request duly filed with them, do hereby propose the following amendments to the Charter of said City, as follows:

1st. That Section 19 of Chapter III. of said Charter be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 19. The Common Council at its first meeting IN MAY OF EACH YEAR, or as soon thereafter as possible, shall advertise for proposals to do the city printing, INCLUDING PRINTING FOR THE COUNCIL, BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC, GAS AND POWER COMMISSIONERS, PARK, LIBRARY AND SCHOOL BOARDS, giving public notice of not less than one week in such manner as the Council may direct, that such bids will be received by the Recorder for doing said printing. The bids received pursuant to such notice shall be publicly opened and read by the Recorder, at such time and place as the Council shall appoint, and the person or persons offering to do said printing for the lowest sum or price, in any legal, reliable, public newspaper published in said City, and who shall give satisfactory security for the performance of the work, shall be declared the City Printer for the ensuing year, and the newspaper, printed by him, designated as the official city paper, in which shall be published all ordinances, by-laws and other proceedings and matters required by this act, or by the ordinances, resolutions and by-laws of the Common Council, AND BY THE VARIOUS BOARDS OF SAID CITY, to be published in a public newspaper, not hereinafter otherwise provided to be printed; provided that the Council may in its judgment, refuse any or all bids if deemed too high, or if they shall deem the newspaper an improper or impractical one in which to publish the official business; and provided further that no irregularity in the publishing of the notices or acceptance of such bids, or the designation of such printer or paper, shall invalidate any legal publication required to be published therein. The City Printer immediately after the publication of any notice, ordinance, resolution

REPORT OR OTHER MATTER which is required to be published, shall file with the City Recorder a copy of such publication with his affidavit, or the affidavit of his Foreman, attached thereto, reciting the fact of publication, the time when first published and the date of each subsequent publication and the total length of time published, and such affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the publication of such notice, ordinance, resolution, REPORT OR OTHER MATTER, and no bill shall be allowed by the Common Council for such printing until such copy and affidavit have been filed.

2nd. That Chapter V. of said Charter be amended by adding thereto an additional sub-division to be numbered FIFTY-FOURTH, as follows:

FIFTY-FOURTH: TO REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF LAYING SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS, AND TO REGULATE AND LICENSE THE BUSINESS OF PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE WORD "REGULATE" AS USED HEREIN SHALL AUTHORIZE THE COMMON COUNCIL TO REQUIRE A BOND WITH SURETIES TO BE APPROVED BY THEM, FROM ANY LICENSEE OR CONTRACTOR FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY, WHICH BOND SHALL RUN TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE CITY OR ANY PERSON INJURED OR DAMAGED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS OF SUCH LICENSEE OR CONTRACTORS. THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIX SUCH LICENSE FEE.

3rd. That Chapter V. of said Charter be further amended by adding thereto an additional sub-division, numbered FIFTY-FIFTH AS FOLLOWS:

FIFTY-FIFTH: TO REGULATE OR PROHIBIT THE ERECTION OR MAINTENANCE OF SIGN-BOARDS OR OTHER STRUCTURES USED IN PART OR IN WHOLE FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK AS TO BE DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE, AND TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE POSTING OR EXHIBITING OF ANY OBSCENE POSTER, PICTURE OR ADVERTISING MATTER, AND TO PROHIBIT THE POSTING OF ANY ADVERTISING MATTER UPON ANY BUILDING WITHIN SAID CITY, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER THEREOF.

4th. That Section 1 of Chapter VI. of said Charter be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The fiscal year of the City of Austin shall end on the .st. day of APRIL in each year.

5th. That Section 12 of Chapter VI. of said Charter be amended

by adding thereto a proviso to read as follows:-

PROVIDED, THAT UPON A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL THE COUNCIL MAY APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND, A SUM NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR, TO BE USED FOR THE PROPER AND FITTING OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, COMMONLY CALLED "DECORATION DAY".

6th. That Section 18 of Chapter VI. of said Charter be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 18. The Common Council on the 1st. day of APRIL annually, shall make a full and accurate statement of the receipts and disbursements of the preceeding year, which statement shall contain a full and correct EXPLANATION of each item, from whom and on what account received, to whom and on what account expended, together with an accurate statement of the finances of the City at the end of the fiscal year, including all debts and liabilities of every description, and the assets and other means of discharging the same; and shall within twenty days thereafter, cause the same to be PRINTED IN PAMPHLET FORM IN SUFFICIENT NUMBER FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC WHEN CALLED FOR: SUCH PAMPHLETS TO BE DEPOSITED AT THE OFFICES OF THE CITY RECORDER AND TREASURER: AT LEAST ONE COPY TO BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORDER. The Council may direct the City Recorder to prepare statements for publication OR PRINTING, at such other times as it may be deemed necessary or proper.

The foregoing is a draught of ^{new} ~~seven~~ proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Austin, Minnesota, made, framed, and adopted by the Commission appointed by the District Court of the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota, under and pursuant to Section 36, Article 4 of the Constitution of said State as amended, and of Chapter 351 of the General Laws of said State for the year 1899 and acts amendatory thereof; and said draught of said proposed amendments to said Charter is hereby returned to the Honorable Charles F. Cook, Mayor of said City, in accordance with

law, signed by a majority of said Commission.

Dated this 23rd day of February, A.D. 1906.

Arthur W. Wright,
Secretary.

Charles L. West.
President.

Lafayette French,
Hoyt A. Avery,
James T. Shedy,
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