

A M E N D M E N T  
TO THE CHARTER  
OF THE CITY OF ST. PAUL,  
Ratified at the Election of May 5th, 1908.

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St. Paul, Minn., March 30, 1908.  
To All Whom It May Concern:

Know ye, that these presents certify that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 351 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1899, as amended by Chapter 238 of the General Laws of the said state for the year 1903, as amended by Chapter 253 of the laws of said state for the year 1905, the Judges of the District Court of the Second Judicial District, in the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, in which said county, district and state the City of St. Paul, a municipal corporation is situate, did duly appoint a board of fifteen freeholders, whose duty it then and there became to frame a Charter for the City of St. Paul aforesaid, and to frame and submit amendments to the existing Charter of said city, and which said Board did duly return to the Chief Magistrate of said city, to wit, its Mayor, Robert A. Smith, a draft of the amendments to the Charter of said city proposed by them, with the signatures of a majority of them and their president, and secretary thereto attached, as follows:

Resolved, by the Charter Commission of the City of St. Paul, appointed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 351 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1899, as amended by Chapter 238 of the General Laws of said state for the year 1903, as amended by Chapter 253 of the laws of said state for the year 1905, that the following amendment to the Charter of said City of St. Paul be submitted to the qualified voters of said city for adoption at the next election to be held within said city:

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Amend subdivision one (1) of Title Six (6) of Chapter VI, so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Common Council shall have the power to sprinkle and cause to be sprinkled, in such manner and to such extent as it may direct, the streets, alleys, parks, parkways and public grounds of said city, or any part thereof, without reference to or report from the Board of Public Works. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works each year, to employ the necessary men and teams therefor, and, by use of the city sprinkling plan, to sprinkle such portions of the streets, alleys, parks, parkways and public grounds of the city, and for such length of time as the Common Council may, by resolution, order and direct, within the limits of the fund applicable thereto, and he shall cause such work to be properly inspected as it progresses.

"Said Commissioner shall keep an accurate account of the actual cost of doing all such sprinkling, and the amount thereof, as nearly as the same can be ascertained, together with the cost of inspection and of making and collecting the assessment, shall be, each year, assessed upon and against the real estate or lots of land fronting on said improvement, without regard to cash valuation thereof, or whether the same shall be improved or otherwise.

"In making said assessment the said cost and expense shall be apportioned pro rata in accordance with the length of time such sprinkling has been or is to be done, each year, upon the lineal feet of said real estate or lots of land fronting on said improvement, and when so assessed, as hereinafter provided, the same shall constitute and be a lien upon and against the land so assessed until the same is paid.

"The said Commissioner of Public Works shall, on or before the 15th of October, in each year, accurately compute, upon the basis above provided for, the amount of such assessment against each piece or parcel of land so assessable for said improvement for the current year, and set such amount opposite the description thereof.

"Said Commissioner shall, not later than October 15 of each year, certify and deliver to the Auditor of Ramsey County, Minnesota, a complete list of said descriptions and amounts so computed as aforesaid.

"Said Auditor shall thereupon extend the respective amounts as shown in said certified list in the proper columns in the general tax records of said county, against the respective pieces or parcels of land indicated in said list so certified by said commissioner, and such amounts shall be included and collected with the general taxes against the property the next succeeding year, in the same manner as such general taxes are collected and enforced, and the laws of this state relating to the collection and enforcement of general taxes shall be applicable thereto, provided that exemption from general taxation shall not relieve any property from liability for the assessments herein authorized. Such assessments, together with all penalties and interest thereon, when collected, shall be paid over by the Treasurer of Ramsey County to the Treasurer of the City of St. Paul, and shall be placed by him to the credit of the Sprinkling Fund.

"The Common Council may, for the purpose of making provision for payment of the cost of such sprinkling, until such time as the assessments therefor can be collected, include in the general tax levy not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the year 1909, and not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the year 1910; not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from these amounts may be used for enlargement of the city sprinkling plant if the Common Council shall deem it necessary.

"The levying and collection of such taxes shall in no way prevent the making and collection of the assessments for sprinkling herein provided for, but the amount so derived from general taxation, except as above provided, together with the proceeds of such assessment, when collected, shall be set aside in the City Treasury and be preserved as a fund from which the current cost of such sprinkling may be paid in advance of the collection of the annual assessments therefor.

"The Commissioner of Public Works may, with the approval of the Common Council, employ such clerical assistance as shall be necessary to enable him to prepare said assessment roll for delivery to the County Auditor, the expense thereof to be paid from the Sprinkling Fund.

"The power conferred under subdivision two (2) of this title shall not be exercised unless the Common Council shall, by a two-thirds vote of each body, decide to proceed thereunder."

Dated this 30th day of March, A. D. 1908.

F. M. CATLIN, President.  
JOS. J. ERMATYNGER, Secretary.

T. G. WALTHER,  
F. B. DORAN,  
H. VON DER WEYER,  
JAMES C. MICHAEL,  
H. C. MCNAIR,  
F. W. ZOLLMAN,  
JAMES D. ARMSTRONG.

(April 3 to May 5-1908)

STATE OF MINNESOTA, )  
County of Ramsey, ) SS.  
City of St. Paul. )

KNOW ALL MEN That these presents hereby certify that the foregoing draft of amendment No. 1, as proposed to the charter of the City of St. Paul, in the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, as returned by the board of fifteen freeholders, appointed by the Judges of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of said State, under and pursuant to Article 4, Section 36 of the Constitution of Minnesota, and Chapter 351 of the General Laws of said State for the year 1899, and Chapter 238 of the General Laws of said State for the year 1903, to the chief magistrate of said City of St. Paul, to-wit, its Mayor, Robert A. Smith, was submitted to the qualified voters of said City of St. Paul at the general city election held in said City on the 5th day of May, 1908, at which said election there were cast in favor of said Amendment No. 1, nineteen thousand, eight hundred twenty-one (19,821) votes out of a total vote of thirty-one thousand, five hundred eighty-eight (31,588) cast at said election, and at said election said amendment did receive the votes of more than three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at said election in said City in favor of the adoption and ratification thereof, and said amendment did receive more than three-fifths of the total vote cast for any purpose at said election, in favor of the adoption and ratification thereof; and

KNOW YE FURTHER That all of the votes so cast by the qualified voters and electors at said election held on May 5th, 1908, upon the question of the ratification of said amendment, as well as all votes cast for any purpose at said election were duly voted, returned and canvassed by the properly and duly authorized and official canvassing board in and for said City, and that said canvassing board after such canvass, did duly declare said amendment to have been duly ratified and adopted by the electors of said City; and

KNOW YE FURTHER That said amendment to said charter was duly and properly ratified and adopted by the duly qualified voters and

electors of said City at said election.

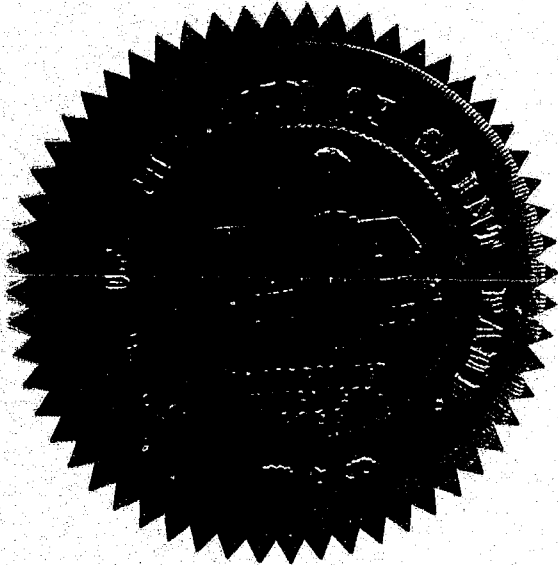
Witness our hands and the official seal of said City this  
16th day of May, A. D. 1908.

Robert A. Smith

Mayor of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Attest

George T. Ridington  
City Clerk of said City.



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