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January 25, 1973

Arlen I. Erdahl  
Secretary of State  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Erdahl:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the City of Bemidji  
Charter amendments passed at the election held on November 7,  
1972.

Very truly yours,

*Dorothy V. Boe*

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City Clerk

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## CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Passed November 7, 1972

That the present Sections 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, and 10.05 of the Charter be renumbered 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, and 10.06 respectively.

That the Charter be amended by the addition of a new Section 10.02, to read as follows:

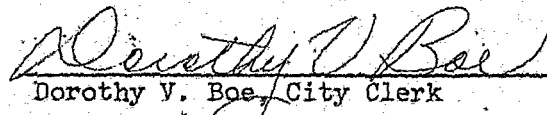
**10.02 Primary Election.** On the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September preceding any regular municipal election, an election of nominees hereinafter designated as "primary election" shall be held in each ward for the selection of candidates for all elective offices to be filled at the general municipal election. Not more than six or less than four weeks before the primary election any person eligible and desiring to have his name placed on the primary election ballot as a candidate for office shall file his affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk. The affidavit shall be substantially the same form as required of candidates for state offices. Upon payment of the proper filing fee to the clerk, the clerk shall place the name of the candidate upon the primary election ballot without partisan designation. When not more than twice the number of persons to be elected to a city office file for the nomination thereof, their names may not be placed upon the primary ballot, and their names shall be placed on the regular municipal election ballot as the nominees for that office. Blank spaces may not be provided on the ballot for writing in the names of candidates. The city primary election shall be conducted and the returns made in the manner provided for the state primary election so far as practicable. The Council shall canvass the returns of the city primary election, and the two candidates for each office who receive the highest number of votes, or a number of candidates equal to twice the number of persons to be elected to the office, who receive the highest number of votes, shall be the nominee for the office named; and their names shall be certified to the City Clerk who shall place them on the regular municipal election ballot without partisan designation and without payment of an additional fee. When a vacancy occurs in a nomination made at a city primary election, the vacancy shall be filled at the regular municipal election.

That the present Section 10.04 of the Charter be renumbered Section 10.05 and be amended to read as follows:

**10.05 Canvass of Election.** The council shall meet and canvass the election returns within five days after any regular, primary or special election and shall make full declaration of the results as soon as possible, and file a statement with the City Clerk. This statement shall include: (a) the total number of good ballots cast; (b) the total number of spoiled or defective ballots; (c) the vote for each candidate, with an indication of those who were nominated or elected; (d) a true copy of the ballots used; (e) the names of the judges and clerks of election; and (f) such other information as may seem pertinent. The City Clerk shall forthwith notify all persons nominated or elected of the fact of their nomination or election.

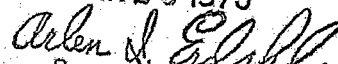
### CERTIFICATION

I, Dorothy V. Boe, the duly appointed and authorized and acting clerk of the City of Bemidji, Minnesota, do certify that the above Charter Amendments are true and correct copies of the amendments to the Bemidji City Charter passed by an election held thereon on November 7, 1972; the original of which is duly filed as a part of the permanent records of the City of Bemidji.

  
Dorothy V. Boe, City Clerk

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