



City of Blaine

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Joan Growe
Secretary of State
180 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Ms. Growe:

As of November 5, 1974 the voters of the City of Blaine passed the attached City Charter Amendment establishing district boundaries and increasing the City Council from five (Mayor and 4 Councilmen) members to 7 (Mayor and 6 Councilmen) members.

Yours truly,

Sharon Leegard
City Clerk

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James Anderson
Secretary of State

"The content of the Charter Amendments is as follows:"

Section 2.03 Elective Offices

The Council shall be composed of a Mayor and six (6) Councilmen who shall be qualified voters of the City of Blaine. The Councilmen shall be elected for a term of two years and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. There shall be one Councilman elected from each district each year. The Mayor shall be elected at large every three years and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified.

Council members must reside within the district from which they are elected. If a Council member moves from his elective district, or if a Councilman is excluded from a district as a result of re-districting, his term of office shall expire on January 1, following the next regular City election.

This Charter provision shall become effective on January 1, 1976, so that the additional Council positions can be filled at the regular City election of 1975.

Section 2.03(a) Districts

The City of Blaine shall be divided into three (3) districts. The population quota for each district shall be determined by dividing the total population of the City by three (3). The population in each district shall not be more than five percent (5%) over or under the population quota.

The City Manager, the Charter Commission and the Council shall share in the process of establishing initial district boundaries and re-evaluating district boundaries biennially. The City Manager shall issue a Biennial City Population Report by the fifteenth (15) day of January of each odd numbered year commencing in the year 1975. The initial report shall contain the current estimate of population for the City of Blaine and subsequent reports shall contain the current estimate of population per district, based on any and all of the following sources:

- (1) United States Census
- (2) Building Permit Records
- (3) Voter Registration Lists
- (4) Any Special Census
- (5) Any other information available that will provide the most current population estimate per district.

The Charter Commission shall have thirty (30) days to review the Biennial City Population Report, and provide a Redistricting Report to the City Council. The Redistricting Report shall contain the recommendations of the Charter Commission for redistricting and shall include a geographical map of the proposed district boundaries. District boundaries should follow practical dividing lines such as streets, waterways, or section lines.

The Redistricting Report shall be published by the Council in two (2) consecutive issues of the official city newspaper. The Council shall have forty-five (45) days to review the report of the Charter Commission and enact a redistricting ordinance which shall take effect on January 1 of the following year. If the Council does not enact a redistricting ordinance within the specified time, no further remuneration shall be paid to the Mayor or Councilmen until the districts of the City are duly redetermined as required by this Charter.

If the Biennial City Population Report indicates a population difference from district to district of more than five percent (5%) of the population quota for each district, and the Charter Commission does not submit a Redistricting Report to the Council within the specified time, the Council within ninety (90) days after the issuance of the Biennial City Population Report shall enact a redistricting ordinance which shall take effect on January 1 of the following year. If the Council does not enact by ordinance a plan for redistricting within the specified time, no further remuneration shall be paid to the Mayor or Councilmen until the districts of the City are duly redetermined as required by this Charter.

This Charter provision shall become effective on January 1, 1975.

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