

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE MANKATO CITY CHARTER

THE CITY OF MANKATO DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

1. The City of Mankato is governed by a home rule charter adopted pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 410.
2. The City Charter of the City of Mankato, Minnesota was originally adopted on March 6, 1868, and has had several amendments since its adoption.
3. The Mankato Charter Commission held its annual meeting on November 6, 2023, to review amendments to the Charter and reached consensus on the proposed amendments by vote, recommending that they be forwarded to the City Council for adoption by Ordinance.
4. Minnesota Statutes, Section 410.12, Subd. 7 allows the City Council to amend the Charter by Ordinance after recommendations from the Charter Commission, with such Ordinance only being adopted upon "an affirmative vote of all members of the Council and approval of the Mayor."
5. The city provided public hearing notice at least two weeks prior to the hearing and held a public hearing on December 11, 2023, regarding the proposed Charter amendments.

Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Mankato Charter Commission, and pursuant to the authority in Minnesota Statutes, section 410.12, subdivision 7, the City Charter of the City of Mankato, Minnesota is hereby amended by deleting the ~~stricken~~ materials and adding the underlined material as shown on the attached, which is incorporated in and made part of this Ordinance.

Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to work with the City Attorney to insert into the City Charter the appropriate references to the amended sections, correct any typographical errors and make any other non-substantive corrections as may be needed to place the charter into final form, and to keep and post on the City's website an official copy of the revised City Charter.

Section 4. This Ordinance will become effective after adoption and upon ninety (90) days following its legal publication, except that if within sixty (60) days after publication a petition requesting a referendum on this Ordinance, signed by the number of registered voters of the City required by Minnesota Statutes, section 410.12 subdivision 7 is filed with the City Clerk, this Ordinance will not be effective until approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question of its adoption at the special election called by the City Council for that purpose.

Adopted this 8th day of December 2025, by a unanimous vote of the entire City Council for the City of Mankato.

Najwa Massad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renae Kopischke, City Clerk

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Sec. 2.14. Ordinances in general.

Subd. 4. ~~"Publish" defined. Following City Council action on an ordinance, the city will publish a summary of the ordinance~~ As used in this section, the term "publish" means to print in the official newspaper of the city ~~the ordinance or brief summary thereof~~ and the places where copies of it have been filed and the time when they are available for public inspection.

Sec. 2.17. Authentication and recording; codification; printing.

Subd. 4. After publication of the Code, all ordinances and Charter amendments shall be printed in substantially the same style as the Code currently in effect. At least once a year, the city clerk shall incorporate with the body of the text of the Mankato City Code the amendments made to any of the ordinances contained therein, within the previous year, and omit any sections or ordinances expressly repealed. Such additions and deletions shall be ~~printed and~~ maintained in the same form as the Mankato City Code, in such a manner that they may be inserted in the existing Code. All chapters and sections of the Mankato City Code shall retain the numbers and titles given them in the Mankato City Code until changed by the council.

Sec. 5.01. Recall; method prescribed.

The holder of any elective office may be removed at any time by the electors of the city registered to vote under state law for a successor of such incumbent in the following manner:

- (2) *Recall petitions.* The petition for the recall of any official shall consist of a certificate identical with that filed with the city clerk together with all the signature papers and affidavits thereto attached. All the signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the circulator of every such paper shall make an affidavit that each signature appended to the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature shall be in substantially the form set forth in Appendix A. All signers must include their year of birth, residence address and the date of signing. Every person signing the petition must do so in the presence of the person circulating the petition.

Sec. 5.02. Cause of recall.

In the call for the election, there shall be given the statement of the grounds for the recall of the officer, as set forth in the recall petition, and in the call, in not more than 200 words, the officer may justify ~~his or her~~ their course in office.

Sec. 5.07. Forms.

Each petition must comply with Minnesota Rule 8205.1010.

Subd. 1. Each certificate affidavit filed by a committee under Chapter 5 must be substantially in the form attached as Appendix A-1.

Subd. 2. Each signature page for a recall petition must be substantially in the form attached as Appendix A-2.

Subd. 3. Each signature page for a referendum petition must be substantially in the form attached as Appendix A-3.

Subd. 4. Each signature page for an initiative petition must be substantially in the form attached as Appendix A-4.

Subd. 5. Each affidavit attached to a signature page must be substantially in the form attached as Appendix A-5.

Substitute out the portion of the form in each appendix for the portion where there are the signatures as follows:

SIGNER'S OATH

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a registered voter residing in the City of Mankato; I know the purpose and content of the petition; and I signed the petition only once and of my own free will."

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION

*******ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN BY PERSON(S) SIGNING THE PETITION UNLESS DISABILITY PREVENTS THE PERSON(S) FROM DOING SO.*******

<u>Date</u>	<u>Print First, Middle and Last Name</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Residence Address</u> <u>(number and street not a P.O. Box)</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>

Sec. 6.17. Accounts and reports.

The city manager shall be the responsible accounting officer of the city and of every branch thereof, and the council may prescribe and enforce proper accounting methods, forms, blanks, and other devices consistent with the law, this Charter, and the ordinances in accordance with it. The city manager shall submit to the council a statement each month showing the amount spent or chargeable against each of the annual budget allowances and other information as the council may require. At least quarterly, the city manager shall submit a statement showing the amount of money in the custody of the city finance director, and the status of all funds. Once each year, on or before June 30, the city manager shall submit a comprehensive annual financial report to the council covering the entire financial operations of the city for the past year. This report shall be submitted in accordance with the generally accepted accounting procedures.

Sec. 7.03. Primary election.

Subd. 2. Not more than 70 nor less than 56 days before the primary election, any eligible person who desires to have ~~his or her~~ their name placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for any elective city office shall file an affidavit of candidacy with the city clerk which affidavit shall be substantially the same form as required of candidates for state offices. At the time of filing such affidavit, each candidate shall pay the city clerk a filing fee of \$20.00 or shall file the petition as required by statute.