

March 13, 2012

The Honorable John C. Hoffman  
Chief Judge Tenth Judicial District  
Washington County Government Center  
14949 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Street North  
Stillwater, MN 55082-3802

**Re: City of Ramsey, Anoka County, Minnesota, Charter Commission Annual Report**

Dear Judge Hoffman:

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 410.05, the following is an annual report reflecting the activities of the City of Ramsey Charter Commission during the year 2011.

Members of the Charter Commission for 2011 were as follows: Susan Anderson, Jim Bendtsen (appointed in 2011 – replacing Frank Frederick), Benjamin Deemer, Terri Cleveland (resigned in 2011), Joseph Field, Frank Frederick (resigned in 2011), Glorya Kackman (resigned in 2011) Harry Niska, Marilyn (Moe) Shea, and Cindy Sherman.

The Charter Commission met on May 19, 2011. The Oath of Office was issued to Jim Bendtsen prior to the meeting. Commissioner Field was elected as Chair and Commissioner Sherman was elected as Vice Chair for the year 2011. The meeting was attended by a Ramsey resident who expressed interest in revamping the Charter format. He felt the Charter would be more reader-friendly if it was done in an article format, complete with a preamble. He was not suggesting any actual language revisions. The Commission discussed this idea and offered that if they determined there would be an interest in doing this, they would consider forming a task force to review it. Under Commission Input, the Commission discussed conducting a future review of the language in Sections 2.3 through 2.5 of the City's Charter.

The Charter Commission held no other meetings in 2011.

Very truly yours,

On behalf of the Ramsey City Charter

Jo Ann M. Thieling, CMC  
City Clerk