

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Ramsey City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota 55303.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an ordinance amending a Section in Chapter 10 of the City's Charter. Amended/new language is shown below, underlined.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY. SAID AMENDMENTS RELATE GENERALLY TO THE FRANCHISE FEES.

**CHAPTER 10
FRANCHISES**

Section 10.4 Power of Regulation Reserved. Subject to any applicable state statutes, the council may by ordinance regulate and control the exercise of any franchise, including the maximum rates, fares, or prices to be charged by the grantee, except that any franchise fees imposed under applicable state statutes must be limited to defraying increased municipal costs accruing as a result of utility operations and may not be used to raise general revenue. No franchise value shall be included in the valuation of the grantee's property in regulating utility rates, fares, or prices under any applicable state or municipal law, or regulation, or in proceedings for municipal acquisition of the grantee's property by purchase or eminent domain.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed Charter amendment. The City of Ramsey complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and, upon advance request, information will be provided in an alternative form and interpreters will be available. Any person with such a request should contact City Clerk Jo Thieling at 763-433-9840 by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. The number for the TDD machine at the Ramsey Municipal Center is 763-427-8591.

Written comments are welcome and shall be addressed to the Ramsey City Council, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota, 55303. Written comments shall be received at the above address prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Jo Ann M. Thieling

City Clerk

Date: November 20, 2013

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