

AGENDA	Thursday, January 10, 2013
Charter Revision	3:30 p.m.
Commission Working	Carnegie Town Hall
Session	235 West 10th Street

1. Call To Order
2. Determine 2013 Meeting Schedule
3. Review The Charter For The City Of Sioux Falls
 - A. Article V. Financial Procedures (as time permits)
 - i. Public Input
 - B. Article IV. Departments, Offices and Agencies (as time permits)
 - ii. Public Input
 - C. Article VI. Elections (as time permits)
 - iii. Public Input
 - D. Article VII. General Provisions (as time permits)
 - iv. Public Input
 - E. Article VIII. Charter Amendments (as time permits)
 - v. Public Input
 - F. Article IX. Transition/Separability Provision (as time permits)
 - vi. Public Input
4. Adjournment

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ARTICLE V. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES**Section 5.01. Fiscal year.**

The fiscal year of the city shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

Section 5.02. Submission of budget and budget message.

On or before the 1st day of August of each year, the mayor shall submit to the city council a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and an accompanying message.

(Ref. of 5-7-96)

Section 5.03. Budget message.

The mayor's message shall explain the budget both in fiscal terms and in terms of the work programs. It shall outline the proposed financial policies of the city for the ensuing fiscal year, describe the important features of the budget, indicate any major changes from the current year in financial policies, expenditures, and revenues together with the reasons for such changes, summarize the city's debt position and include such other material as the mayor deems desirable.

Section 5.04. Budget.

The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all city funds and activities for the ensuing fiscal year and, except as required by law or this charter, shall be in such form as the mayor deems appropriate. The city council may require additional information or details about the mayor's budget proposal. The budget shall begin with a clear general summary of its contents; shall show in detail all estimated income, indicating the proposed property tax levy, and all proposed expenditures, including debt service, for the ensuing fiscal year; and shall be so arranged as to show comparative figures for actual and estimated income and expenditures of the current fiscal year and actual income and expenditures of the preceding two (2) fiscal years. It shall indicate in separate sections:

- (1) The proposed goals and objectives and expenditures for current operations during the ensuing fiscal year, detailed for each fund by organization unit, and program, purpose or activity, and the method of financing such expenditures;
- (2) Proposed capital expenditures during the ensuing five (5) fiscal years, detailed for each fund by organization unit when practicable, and the proposed method of financing each such capital expenditure; and
- (3) The anticipated income and expense and profit and loss for the ensuing year for each utility or other proprietary fund operated by the city.

For any fund, the total of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated income plus the fund balance carried forward, exclusive of reserves.

(4-13-04, § D; 4-8-08, § C; 4-13-10, § A)

Section 5.05. City council action on budget.

(a) *Notice and hearing.* The city council shall publish in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the city the general summary of the budget and a notice stating:

- (1) The times and places where copies of the message and budget are available for inspection by the public, and
- (2) The time and place, not less than two weeks after such publication, for a public hearing on the budget.

(b) *Amendment before adoption.* After the public hearing, the city council may adopt the budget with or without amendment. In amending the budget, it may add or increase programs or amounts and may delete or decrease any programs or amounts, except expenditures required by law or for debt service or for an estimated cash deficit, provided that no amendment to the budget shall increase the authorized expenditures to an amount greater than total estimated income.

(c) *Adoption.* The city council shall adopt the annual appropriation ordinance for appropriated funds for the ensuing fiscal year on or before the 30th day of September of the fiscal year currently ending. The annual appropriation ordinance shall make appropriations by fund and department or organizational unit. It is not necessary to appropriate funds to be expended from a proprietary or trust fund if the fund is not supported or subsidized by revenue derived from the annual appropriated tax levy. However, an annual budget for these funds shall be adopted by resolution on or before the 30th day of September of the fiscal year currently ending and published at the same time as publication of the annual appropriation ordinance. If the city council fails to adopt the budget by this date, the budget proposed by the mayor shall go into effect.

(d) The city council shall adopt any other ordinances required to authorize new revenues or to amend the rates or other features of existing taxes or other revenue sources.

(4-10-12, § B)

Section 5.06. Reserved.

(4-13-04, § E; 4-8-08, § D; 4-10-12, § B)

Editor's note:

The removal of this section was approved by the voters of Sioux Falls at a municipal election held on April 10, 2012.

Section 5.07. Amendments after adoption.

(a) *Supplemental appropriations.* If during the fiscal year the mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget or a sufficient fund balance, the city council by ordinance may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of such excess.

(b) *Emergency appropriations.* To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace, the city council or mayor may make emergency special appropriations. Such appropriations may be made by emergency ordinance or declaration. To the extent that there are no

available unappropriated revenues or a sufficient fund balance to meet such appropriations, the council may by such emergency ordinance or declaration authorize the issuance of emergency notes, which may be renewed from time to time, but the emergency notes and renewals of any fiscal year shall be paid not later than the last day of the fiscal year next succeeding that in which the emergency special appropriation was made.

(c) *Reduction of appropriations.* If at any time during the fiscal year it appears probable to the mayor that the revenues or fund balances available will be insufficient to finance the expenditures for which appropriations have been authorized, the mayor shall report to the city council without delay, indicating the estimated amount of the deficit, any remedial action taken by the mayor and recommendations as to any other steps to be taken. The council shall then take such further action as it deems necessary to prevent or reduce any deficit and for that purpose it may by ordinance reduce one (1) or more appropriations.

(d) *Transfer of appropriations.* At any time during the fiscal year the city council may by resolution transfer part or all of the unencumbered appropriation balance from one (1) department or major organizational unit to the appropriation for other departments or major organizational units. The mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balances among programs within a department or organizational unit and shall report such transfers to the council in writing prior to the next council meeting.

(e) *Limitation; effective date.* No appropriation for debt service may be reduced or transferred, and no appropriation may be reduced below any amount required by law to be appropriated or by more than the amount of the unencumbered balance thereof. The emergency appropriations and reduction or transfer of appropriations authorized by this section may be made effective immediately upon adoption.

(Ref. of 5-7-96; 4-8-08, § E)

Section 5.08. Lapse of appropriations.

Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered. An appropriation for a capital expenditure shall continue in force until expended, revised, or repealed; the purpose of any such appropriation shall be deemed abandoned if three years pass without any disbursement from or encumbrance of the appropriation.

Section 5.09. Administration of the budget.

The city council shall provide by ordinance the procedures for administering the budget.

Section 5.10. Overspending of appropriations prohibited.

No payment shall be made or obligation incurred against any allotment or appropriation except in accordance with appropriations duly made and unless the mayor or the mayor's designee first certifies that there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in such allotment or appropriation and that sufficient funds therefrom are or will be available to cover the claim or meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. Any authorization of payment or incurring of obligation in violation of the provisions of this charter shall be void and any payments made illegal. A violation of this provision shall be cause for removal of any officer who knowingly authorized or made such payment or incurred such obligation. Such officer may also be liable to the city for any amount so paid. Except where prohibited by law, however, nothing in this charter shall be construed to prevent the making or authorizing of payments or making of contracts for capital improvements to be financed wholly or partly by the issuance of bonds or to prevent the making of any contract or lease providing for payments beyond the

end of the fiscal year, but only if such action is made or approved by ordinance.

Section 5.11. Capital program.

(a) *Submission to city council.* The mayor shall prepare and submit to the city council a five-year capital program no later than July 1 of each year for consideration.

(b) *Contents.* The capital program shall include:

(1) A clear general summary of its contents;

(2) Identification of the five-year goals of the city;

(3) A list of all capital improvements and other capital expenditures which are proposed to be undertaken during the five fiscal years next ensuing, with appropriate supporting information as to the necessity for each;

(4) Cost estimates and recommended time schedules for each improvement or other capital expenditure;

(5) Method of financing, upon which each capital expenditure is to be reliant;

(6) The estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired;

(7) A commentary on how the plan addresses the financial sustainability of the city and the region of which it is a part; and

(8) Methods to measure outcomes and performance of the capital plan related to the long-term goals of the city.

The above shall be revised and extended each year with regard to capital improvements still pending or in process of construction or acquisition.

(Ref. of 5-7-96; 4-8-08, § F)

Section 5.12. City council action on capital program.

(a) *Notice and hearing.* The city council shall publish in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the city the general summary of the capital program and a notice stating:

(1) The times and places where copies of the capital program are available for inspection by the public, and

(2) The time and place, not less than two weeks after such publication, for a public hearing on the capital program.

(b) *Adoption.* The city council, by resolution, shall adopt the capital program with or without amendment after public hearing and on or before the 30th day of September of the current fiscal year.

(Ref. of 5-7-96; 4-8-08, § G)

Section 5.13. Public records.

Copies of the budget, capital program, and appropriation and revenue ordinances shall be public records and shall be made available to the public for review at suitable locations or by suitable means in the city.

(4-8-08, § H)

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ARTICLE IV. DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, AND AGENCIES**Section 4.01. General provisions.**

(a) *Creation of departments.* The mayor may establish city departments, offices, or agencies in addition to those created by this charter by filing an executive order which may also provide that any funds previously appropriated to perform a function which is being transferred may thereby be transferred to the new major organizational unit performing such function, with such order becoming effective after the expiration of 25 days from the date it is filed, unless action is taken to nullify the executive order by a vote of six (6) or more members of the city council. The mayor may prescribe the functions of all departments, offices, and agencies, except that no function assigned by this charter to a particular department, office, or agency may be discontinued or, unless this charter specifically so provides, assigned to any other.

(b) *Direction by mayor.* All departments, offices, and agencies under the direction and supervision of the mayor shall be administered by one (1) or more officers appointed by and subject to the direction and supervision of the mayor. The appointment by the mayor of any officer or employee having final authority over more than five (5) percent of the city's employees or budget shall only be effective with the advice and consent of the council. The mayor may appoint one (1) person as the head of two (2) or more departments.

(4-11-00, § E)

Section 4.02. Personnel system.

(a) *Appointments and promotions.* All appointments and promotions of city officers and employees shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness.

(b) *Civil service system.* The city council shall provide by ordinance for the establishment, regulation, and maintenance of a civil service system governing personnel policies necessary to effect the administration of the employees of the city's departments, offices, and agencies. The city council shall provide by ordinance for classification and pay plans, examinations, force reduction, removals, working conditions, provisional and exempt appointments, in-service training, civil service appeal procedures to address grievances of employees, and relationship with employee organizations.

(Ref. of 5-7-96)

Section 4.03. Legal officer.

There shall be a legal officer of the city appointed by the mayor effective with the advice and consent of the council. The legal officer shall serve as chief legal advisor to the city council, the mayor and all city departments, offices and agencies, shall perform any other duties prescribed by state law, by this charter or by ordinance, and shall handle or monitor the representation of the city in legal proceedings.

(4-11-00, § F)

Section 4.04. Planning.

Consistent with all applicable federal and state laws with respect to land use, development, and environmental protection, the city council shall:

- (1) Designate an agency or agencies to carry out the planning function and such decision-making responsibilities as may be specified by ordinance;
- (2) Adopt a comprehensive plan and determine to what extent zoning and other land use control ordinances must be consistent with the plan; and
- (3) Adopt development regulations, to be specified by ordinance, to implement the plan.

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ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS**Section 6.01. City elections.**

(a) *Regular elections.* The regular city election shall be held in even numbered years. Conduct of the election shall be in accordance with provisions of state law. The date of the city election shall be set by ordinance as the second Tuesday in April. The city may combine its election with that of the Sioux Falls School Board.

(b) *Registered voter defined.* All citizens legally registered under the constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota to vote in the city shall be registered voters of the city within the meaning of this charter.

(c) *Conduct of elections.* All elections provided for by the charter shall be conducted by the election authorities established by law. Candidates shall run for office without party designation and shall declare whether seeking an at-large or district seat. Candidates for district seats must reside within the district. No person shall be eligible for elective municipal office unless a nominating petition is first filed. Nominating petitions shall conform in all respects to the provisions of South Dakota state law, except that the deadline for filing shall be no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in February. The mayoral and at-large council candidate nominating petitions shall be signed by not less than 200 registered voters of the city. The council district nominating petitions shall be signed by not less than 50 registered voters of the city. Council district nominating petitions shall be signed by registered voters who shall reside in the council district thereof, and who shall be eligible to vote for the nominee. For the conduct of city elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the city council shall adopt ordinances consistent with law and this charter, and the election authorities may adopt further regulations consistent with law and this charter and the ordinances of the council. Such ordinances and regulations pertaining to elections shall be publicized in the manner of city ordinances generally.

(Ref. of 5-7-96; 4-8-08, § I; 4-13-10, § C)

Section 6.02. Council districts: adjustment of districts.

(a) *Number of districts.* There shall be five (5) city council districts.

(b) *Districting commission; composition; appointment; terms; vacancies; compensation.*

(1) There shall be a districting commission consisting of five (5) members. No more than three (3) commission members may belong to the same political party. The city council shall appoint five (5) members, one member from each of the city's five (5) districts. These five (5) members shall, with the affirmative vote of at least three (3) members, choose one of their members who shall serve as chairperson.

(2) No member of the commission shall be employed by the city or hold any other elected or appointed position in the city.

(3) The city council shall appoint the commission no later than one (1) year and five (5) months before the first general election of the city council after each federal decennial census. The commission's term shall end upon adoption of a districting plan, as set forth in section 6.02(c).

(4) In the event of a vacancy on the commission by death, resignation, incapacity or moving out of the district within 30 days of his or her appointment, the city council shall appoint a new member enrolled in the same political party and from the same city district from which his or her predecessor was selected, to serve the balance of the term remaining.

(5) No member of the districting commission shall be removed from office by the city council except for cause and upon notice and hearing.

(6) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation except that each member shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses to be audited in the same manner as other city charges.

(7) The commission may hire or contract for necessary staff and may require agencies of city government to provide technical assistance. The commission shall have a budget as provided by the city council.

(c) *Powers and duties of the districting commission; hearings; submissions, and approval of plan.*

(1) Following each decennial census or upon reliable evidence that the city's population has increased more than 15% since the last redistricting, the commission shall consult the city council and shall prepare a plan for dividing the city into districts for the election of council members. In preparing the plan, the commission shall be guided by the criteria set forth in section 6.02(d). The report on the plan shall include a map and description of districts recommended.

(2) The commission shall hold one (1) or more public hearings not less than 30 days before it submits the plan to the city council. The commission shall make its plan available to the public for inspection and comment not less than 30 days before its public hearing.

(3) The commission shall submit its plan to the city council not less than nine (9) months before the first general election of the city council after each decennial census.

(4) The plan shall be deemed adopted by the city council unless disapproved within 21 days by the vote of the majority of all members of the city council. If the city council fails to adopt the plan, it shall return the plan to the commission with its objections, and with the objections of individual members of the council.

(5) Upon rejection of its plan, the commission shall prepare a revised plan and shall submit such revised plan to the city council no later than 21 days after the initial plan is rejected. Such revised plan shall be deemed adopted by the city council unless disapproved within 14 days by the vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the city council and unless, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, the city council votes to file a petition in the Circuit Court, Minnehaha County, for a determination that the plan fails to meet the requirements of this charter. The city council shall file its petition no later than 10 days after its disapproval of the plan. Upon a final determination upon appeal, if any, that the plan meets the requirements of this charter, the plan shall be deemed adopted by the city council and the commission shall deliver the plan to the city clerk. The plan delivered to the city clerk shall include a map and description of the districts.

(6) If in any year population figures are not available at least one (1) year and five (5) months before the first general election following the decennial census, the city council

may by local law shorten the time periods provided for districting commission action in subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this section.

(d) *Districting plan; criteria.* In preparation of its plan for dividing the city into districts for the election of council members, the commission shall apply the following criteria which, to the extent practicable, shall be applied and given priority in the order in which they are herein set forth.

- (1) Districts shall be equal in population except where deviations from equality result from the application of the provisions hereinafter set forth, but no such deviation may exceed five (5) percent of the average population for all city council districts according to the figures available from the most recent census.
- (2) Districts shall consist of contiguous territory.
- (3) No voting precinct (as set by the counties) shall be divided in the formation of districts.
- (4) The number of districts which include territory in more than one (1) county shall be as few as possible.
- (5) Consistent with the foregoing provisions, the aggregate length of all district boundaries shall be as short as possible.

(e) *Effect of enactment.* The new city council districts and boundaries as of the date of enactment shall supersede previous council districts and boundaries for all purposes of the next regular city election, including nominations. The new districts and boundaries shall supersede previous districts and boundaries for all other purposes as of the date on which all council members elected at that regular city election take office.

(4-13-10, § B)

Section 6.03. Initiative and referendum.

The powers of initiative and referendum are hereby reserved to the electors of the city. The provisions of the election law of the State of South Dakota, as they currently exist or may hereafter be amended or superseded, shall govern the exercise of the powers of initiative and referendum under this charter.

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ARTICLE VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS**Section 7.01. Conflicts of interest; board of ethics.**

(a) *Conflicts of interest.* The use of public office for private gain is prohibited. The city council shall implement this prohibition by ordinance. Regulations to this end shall include but not be limited to: acting in an official capacity on matters in which the official has a private financial interest clearly separate from that of the general public; the acceptance of gifts and other things of value; acting in a private capacity on matters dealt with as a public official, the use of confidential information; and appearances by city officials before other city agencies on behalf of private interests. The appearance of impropriety shall be avoided. Municipal officials shall be, at a minimum, restricted from conflict of interest to the same extent that state public officials are bound by state law; provided however, that the city council may adopt an ordinance setting a stricter standard.

(b) *Board of ethics.* The city council shall, by ordinance, establish an independent board of ethics to administer and enforce violations of the conflict of interest and financial disclosure ordinances as well as determine violations of Sections 2.05 (a) and (b), 6.01(c), and 7.02 (a) (3), (4), and (5) of this Charter and related ordinances. No member of the board may hold elective or appointed office under the city or any other government or hold any political party office. Insofar as possible under state law, the city council shall authorize the board to issue binding advisory opinions, conduct investigations on its own initiative and on referral or complaint, refer cases for prosecution, impose administrative fines, and to hire independent counsel. The city council shall appropriate sufficient funds to the board of ethics to enable it to perform the duties assigned to it.

(4-13-04, § F; 4-8-08, § J; 4-10-12, § C)

Section 7.02. Prohibitions.

(a) *Activities prohibited.*

(1) No person shall be appointed to or removed from, or in any way favored or discriminated against with respect to any city position or appointive city administrative office because of race, gender, age, handicap, religion, country of origin, or political affiliation.

(2) No person shall willfully make any false statement, certificate, mark, rating, or report in regard to any test, certification, or appointment under the provisions of this charter or the rules and regulations made thereunder, or in any manner commit or attempt to commit any fraud preventing the impartial execution of such provisions, rules, and regulations.

(3) No person who seeks appointment or promotion with respect to any city position or appointive city administrative office shall directly or indirectly give, render, or pay any money, service, or other valuable thing to any person for or in connection with any test, appointment, proposed appointment, promotion, or proposed promotion.

(4) No person shall knowingly or willfully solicit or assist in soliciting any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political party or political purpose to be used in conjunction with any city election from any city employee.

(5) No city employee shall, directly or indirectly, contribute money or anything of value to or render service in behalf of the candidacy of any candidate for nomination or election to any city office. Elected officials and spouses of city employees acting on their own behalf are exempt from this prohibition. The expression of private or personal views concerning candidates for political office is not prohibited hereby.

(b) *Penalties.* Any person violating this section shall be ineligible for a period of five (5) years following such violation to hold any City elected or appointed office or board. If the person violating this section is a city officer or employee, said violation shall be sufficient cause for the suspension, demotion or termination of employment of the officer or employee. The city council may establish by ordinance any further penalties as it may deem appropriate.

(4-11-00, § G; 4-13-04, §§ G, H)

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ARTICLE VIII. CHARTER AMENDMENT**Section 8.01. Proposal of amendment.**

Amendments to this charter may be framed and proposed:

- (a) In the manner provided by law, or
- (b) By ordinance of the city council containing the full text of the proposed amendment (except that sections 1.04, 1.05, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, and 2.04 and article III cannot be so amended) and effective upon adoption, or
- (c) By report of a charter commission created by ordinance; or
- (d) By the voters of the city, when any 15 qualified voters initiate proceedings to amend the charter by filing with the city clerk an affidavit stating they will constitute the petitioners' committee and be responsible for circulating the petition and filing it in proper form, stating their names and addresses and specifying the address to which all notices to the committee are to be sent, and setting out in full the proposed charter amendment. Promptly after the affidavit of the petitioners' committee is filed the clerk shall issue the appropriate petition blanks to the petitioners' committee. The petitions shall contain or have attached thereto throughout their circulation the full text of the proposed charter amendment and must be signed by registered voters of the city in the number of at least 5 percent of the total number of registered voters at the last regular city election.

Section 8.02. Election.

Upon delivery to the city election authorities of the report of a charter commission pursuant to section 8.01(c) or delivery by the city clerk of an adopted ordinance proposing an amendment pursuant to section 8.01(b) or a petition finally determined sufficient to propose an amendment pursuant to section 8.01(d), the election authorities shall submit the proposed amendment to the voters of the city at an election. Such election shall be announced by a notice containing the complete text of the proposed amendment and published in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. If the amendment is proposed by petition, the amendment may be withdrawn at any time prior to the thirtieth day preceding the day scheduled for the election by filing with the city clerk a request for withdrawal signed by at least two-thirds of the members of the petitioners' committee. The election shall be held not less than 60 and not more than 120 days after the adoption of the ordinance or report or the final determination of sufficiency of the petition proposing the amendment. If no regular election is to be held within that period, the city council shall provide for a special election on the proposed amendment; otherwise, the holding of a special election shall be as specified in the state election law.

Section 8.03. Adoption of amendment.

If a majority of the registered voters of the city voting upon a proposed charter amendment vote in favor of it, the amendment shall become effective at the time fixed in the amendment or, if no time is therein fixed, 30 days after the initial canvas certifying its adoption by the voters.

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ARTICLE IX. TRANSITION/SEPARABILITY PROVISION**Section 9.01. Officers and employees.**

(a) *Rights and privileges preserved.* Nothing in this charter except as otherwise specifically provided shall affect or impair the rights or privileges of persons who are city officers, appointees, or employees at the time of its adoption. State law governing Change of Employee Contributions or Benefits shall apply to the city under this charter.

(b) *Continuance of office or employment.* Except as specifically provided by this charter, if at the time this charter takes full effect an appointive administrative officer or employee holds any office or position which is or can be abolished by or under this charter, it shall continue until the taking effect of some specific provision under this charter directing that the office or position be eliminated.

(c) *Personnel system.* An employee holding a city position at the time this charter takes full effect, who was serving in that same or a comparable position at the time of its adoption, shall not be subject to competitive tests as a condition of continuance in the same position but in all other respects shall be subject to the personnel system provided for in section 4.02.

Section 9.02. Departments, offices, and agencies.

(a) *Transfer of powers.* If a city department, office, board, or agency is abolished by this charter, the powers and duties given it by law shall be transferred to the city department, office, board, or agency designated in this charter, or if the charter makes no provision, designated by the city council.

(b) *Property and records.* All property, records, and equipment of any department, office, board, or agency existing when this charter is adopted shall be transferred to the department, office, board, or agency assuming its powers and duties, but; in the event that the powers or duties are to be discontinued or divided between units or in the event that any conflict arises regarding a transfer, such property, records, or equipment shall be transferred to one (1) or more departments, offices, boards, or agencies designated by the city council in accordance with this charter.

Section 9.03. Pending matters.

All rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and legal administrative proceedings shall continue except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this charter and in each case shall be maintained, carried on, or dealt with by the city department, office, board, or agency appropriate under this charter.

Section 9.04. State and municipal laws.

(a) *In general.* All city ordinances, resolutions, policies, orders, codes, and regulations which are in force when this charter becomes fully effective remain effective, except as stated in subsection (b).

(b) *Exceptions.* All city ordinances, resolutions, orders, and regulations which are in force when this charter becomes fully effective are repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent or interfere with the effective operation of this charter or of ordinances or resolutions adopted pursuant thereto. To the extent that the constitution and law of the State of South Dakota permit, all laws relating

to or affecting this city or its agencies, officers, or employees which are in force when this charter becomes fully effective are superseded to the extent that they are inconsistent or interfere with the effective operation of this charter or of ordinances or resolutions adopted pursuant thereto.

(c) The term "city commission" in all city ordinances, resolutions, policies, orders, and regulations which are in force when this charter becomes fully effective is hereby replaced by the term "city council."

Section 9.05. Schedule.

(a) *First election.* At the time of its adoption, this charter shall be in effect to the extent necessary in order that the first election of mayor and members of the city council may be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this charter. The first election shall be held on November 8, 1994 or the first available Tuesday after that as determined by election officials. The Sioux Falls city officials to be designated shall prepare and adopt temporary regulations applicable only to the first election and designed to insure its proper conduct and to prevent fraud and provide for recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud.

The term of the two at large council members receiving the most votes among the at large candidates in the first election shall be four (4) years. The term of the at large council member receiving the third largest vote counts among the at large candidates shall be two (2) years.

The terms of the two council members receiving the most votes among the five (5) elected by the five (5) districts in the first election shall be four years. The term of the other three council members elected by district shall be two (2) years.

The five (5) districts for the first election and until the redistricting required after the 2000 census, shall be as follows:

(1) The southwest district shall be comprised of the following complete precincts: 4-4, 4-5/6, 10-1/7, 10-3/5 and 11-1, 10-4, and 10-6.

(2) The southeast district shall be comprised of the following complete precincts: 3-4, 3-6, 3-7/8, 3-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-8/9, 10-2 and 12-1.

(3) The northwest district shall be comprised of the following complete precincts: 4-3, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 6-1, 6-2, 7-1, 7-3, and 11-2/3.

(4) The northeast district shall be comprised of the following complete precincts: 7-2, 7-4, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 9-1, 9-2, 9-4, and 9-7.

(5) The central district shall be comprised of the following complete precincts: 1-1, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-5, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, and 9-3.

(b) *Time of taking full effect.* The charter shall be in full effect for all purposes on and after January 1, 1995.

(c), (d) *Reserved.*

(e) *Initial expenses.* The initial expenses of the mayor and city council shall be paid by the city on vouchers signed by the mayor.

(f) *Salary of mayor and council members.* The mayor's salary having been established in the

amount of \$75,000 by this provision in 1995, each other council member shall receive an annual salary in the amount of fifteen (15) percent of the mayor's salary. The mayor's salary shall automatically be adjusted annually for inflation or deflation with each other council persons salary thereafter adjusted to be equal to fifteen (15) percent of the mayor's new adjusted salary. No meeting fees shall be paid to the mayor nor city council members.

(Ref. of 5-7-96; 4-11-00, § H)

Section 9.06. Separability.

If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of the charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of the charter and its provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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