

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Shirley Buecksler, City Clerk**
Date: **March 8, 2021**

Final Reading of Ordinance No. 21-006 Amending West St. Paul Charter Section 1.06 Increasing Membership Requirement from 11 to 13 Members

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On a 7-2 vote at the Charter Commission meeting of January 26, 2021, the Commission recommended the enclosed ordinance (1.06) increasing Commission membership from the current 11 to 13. In the past, membership had been reduced due to struggles with quorums and with lack of applicants for Commission seats. With increased interest in the Charter Commission membership, supporting members opined that they did not perceive that these past challenges would again exist in the foreseeable future, and the City should take advantage of the community interest.

At their February 22, 2021 meeting, Council approved the first reading on a vote of 6-1 (Councilmember Vitelli did not vote in favor) and called for a second reading of the ordinance to be held during a Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on March 8, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council hold a Public Hearing to consider the final reading and passage of Ordinance No. 21-006 Amending West St. Paul Charter Section 1.06 Increasing Membership Requirement from 11 to 13 Members.