



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

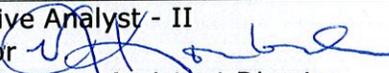
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair
Public Safety, Civil Rights, & Health Committee

Subject: Approve changes to the Commission on Civil Rights' appointment cycle by amending Title 7, Chapter 141 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO) related to *Civil Rights: Administration and Enforcement*.

Recommendation: The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests the City Council to amend Title 7, Chapter 141 of the MCO related to Civil Rights - Administration and Enforcement. Specifically, the Department seeks to streamline the Commission on Civil Rights' appointment process by redrafting the complex language to make it more clear and concise. These housekeeping changes will not widen or alter the scope of the appointing authority. The Department of Civil Rights requests the City Council hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, for the purpose of obtaining public comments on the proposed change to the Commission's appointment cycle and operation under the open appointment process.

Department Information

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Supporting Information

The proposed amendment is consistent with the City's March 2010 initiative to align the appointment schedules for all City boards and commissions. The amendment will accomplish the following: (1) the existing Commissioners' appointment terms will change from a termination date of August 31 to a term ending on December 31; (2) the Commission appointment cycle for future Commissioners will change from a September 1 through August 31 rotation to a calendar year cycle (January 1 - December 31); and (3) the new cycle will incorporate the City's existing open appointment process. Approving the proposed amendment will allow the Commission appointment cycle to model all City boards and commissions to make it a "City That Works."