

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Health, Environment & Community Engagement  
**Date:** 7/11/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** City Clerk's Office  
**Lead Staff:** Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk  
**Presented by:** Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk  
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**Subcategory:** Report

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**Subject:**

Petition to amend the City Charter: Police professional liability insurance

**Description:**

Receiving a report on the sufficiency of a citizen petition proposing to amend the City Charter in the form of a ballot question to require police officers to be self-insured for professional liability purposes.

**Previous Actions:**

The petition was presented to the Charter Commission on June 13, 2016, and transmitted to the city clerk the next day. The first review found the petition to be insufficient in satisfying minimum signature requirements under the enabling statute. Accordingly, the committee submitted an amended petition on July 5, 2016, to address defects identified in the original petition and/or to secure additional signatures to meet minimum statutory requirements.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section [410.12, subd. 2](#), the Committee for Professional Policing (CfPP) submitted a petition to amend the City Charter in the form of a ballot question to be submitted to the electorate in the 2016 Presidential General Election. Under the statute, the petition requires the signatures of at least 6,869 registered voters to be deemed valid.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. [§ 205.16, subd. 4](#), any ballot question to be presented to the electorate must be submitted to the county at least 74 days before the date of the election. This year, that due date is Friday, August 26, 2016.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. Certificate of the City Clerk