



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

**Date:** February 13, 2008

**To:**

**Referral to:** Health, Energy and Environment Committee

**Subject:** Changes to the Rules of Procedure for Contested Case Hearings.

**Recommendation:** Approval of the proposed amendments to the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR) Rules of Procedure for Contested Case Hearings, per Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance 141.40 (10), addressing the MCCR's authority to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance.

**Previous Directives:** None

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### Reviews

- PUBLIC HEARING - Minneapolis  
Commission on Civil Rights  
(11/19/07)

**Approval:** Yes **Date:** December 17, 2007

### Financial Impact

- No financial impact

### Community Impact

- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan

**Supporting Information:**

The MCCR has conducted several discussions and meetings over the past two years in effort to update and amend the MCCR Rules of Procedure for Contested Case Hearings:

April 2006:

MCCR held a public hearing on April 12, 2006, in accordance with the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance 141.40 (10).

May-July 2006:

Standards and Procedures Committee discussed, reviewed and revised the language of the proposed amendments based on the public comment feedback at the April 12, 2006, public hearing.

August 2006:

MCCR voted to adopt the proposed amendments and forward them to the City Attorney for review.

September-October 2006:

City Attorney approved the proposed amendments then suspended approval for reconsideration.

November 2006:

City Attorney provided an opinion of the proposed amendments.

December 2006 - May 2007:

Standards and Procedures Committee, MCCR, Director of Civil Rights and the City Attorney began ongoing meetings to review and revise the proposed amendments.

November 2007:

MCCR held another public hearing on the revised proposed amendments on November 19, 2007, the MCCR held another public hearing on the revised changes. No members of the public objected.

December 2007:

The MCCR approved the rule at the December 18, 2008.

**Supporting Information:**

1. Copy of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure for Contested Case Hearings.