

CITY OF ROCKVILLE  
STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**Ordinance No. 2010-65**

**AN ORDINANCE REDUCING COUNCIL SIZE**

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, City of Pleasant Lake and Rockville Township were previously consolidated into what is now the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, as part of the consolidation, it was agreed that the new City of Rockville Council be made up of two members from the previous City of Rockville, City of Pleasant Lake and Rockville Township for a total of six council members and a mayor; and

WHEREAS, as part of the consolidation, it was also agreed that eventually the Council size would be reduced; and

WHEREAS, a smaller City Council would minimize costs and be more efficient; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has prepared this ordinance and approved the associated ballot language;

WHEREAS, the Rockville City Council intends to submit the question of reducing of two council members to the voters in the November 2, 2010 election; and

WHEREAS, if the voters approve the reduction in Council size, the reduction will occur in January 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 412.02, Subd. 6, the Rockville City Council ordains:

SECTION 1: The size of Rockville City Council shall be reduced from six council members and a mayor to four council members and a mayor if approved by the voters.

SECTION 2: Two council member positions shall be eliminated effective January 1, 2013. Three candidates shall take office in January 2011. (Council Members A1, A2, and A3 in the table below). The two candidates with the most votes (Council Members A1 and A2) shall have 4-year terms. To correct the staggering of terms, the candidate with the third highest number of votes (Council Member A3) shall have a 2-year term. In the 2012 election, two council member positions shall be on the ballot (Council Members B1 and B2). The 2014 election, and all future elections, shall involve two council member positions, each with 4-year terms.

### **CURRENT COUNCIL ROSTER**

<u>Position</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Council Member A1	Koerber	4	2010
Council Member A2	Palmer	4	2010
Council Member A3	Volkmoth	4	2010
Council Member B1	Becker	4	2012
Council Member B2	Schmitt	4	2012
Council Member B3	Willenbring	4	2012
Mayor	Hagen	4	2012

### **COUNCIL ROSTER AFTER 2010 ELECTION**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Council Member A1	To Be Determined <sup>2</sup>	4	2014
Council Member A2	To Be Determined <sup>2</sup>	4	2014
Council Member A3	To Be Determined <sup>3</sup>	2	2012
Council Member B1	Becker	4	2012
Council Member B2	Schmitt	4	2012
Council Member B3	Willenbring	4	2012
Mayor	Hagen	4	2012

### **COUNCIL ROSTER AFTER 2012 ELECTION**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Council Member A1	To Be Determined	4	2014
Council Member A2	To Be Determined	4	2014
Council Member B1	To Be Determined	4	2016
Council Member B2	To Be Determined	4	2016
Mayor	To Be Determined	4	2016

<sup>1</sup> Assignment of position for demonstration purposes only

<sup>2</sup> Two candidates with the first and second highest number of votes

<sup>3</sup> Candidate with third highest number of votes

SECTION 3: The question of reducing the size of the Rockville City Council shall be submitted to voters at the November 2, 2010 general election. The reduction shall only take effect if the voters approve the question of reducing the size of the Rockville City Council.

SECTION 4: The ballot shall read:

**CITY QUESTION**

To vote for the question, fill in the oval next to the word “YES” for the question. To vote against the question, fill in the oval next to the word “NO” for the question.

**REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE ROCKVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

The Rockville City Council has adopted an ordinance proposing to reduce the size of the Council from six council members and a mayor to four council members and a mayor. The reduction only becomes effective if approved by the voters of the City of Rockville. The reduction will take effect on January 1, 2013 after the 2012 general election.

Should the Rockville City Council be reduced in size from six council members and a mayor to four council members and a mayor?

A “YES” vote means that the Council size will be reduced to four council members and a mayor. A “NO” vote means that the Council size will remain six council members and a mayor.

SECTION 5: The City Council finds that publishing the entire ordinance pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 412 would be unduly expensive. Furthermore, it finds that the following summary clearly informs the public of the ordinance’s intent and effect. Therefore, only the title and following summary of this ordinance shall be published, and a printed copy of the full ordinance shall be made available for inspection at City Hall, and shall be posted as required, upon the approval of six council members of this ordinance. The official summary is:

**AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE ROCKVILLE CITY COUNCIL FROM SIX COUNCIL MEMBERS AND A MAYOR TO FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND A MAYOR TO THE VOTERS.**

**The City Council has adopted an ordinance submitting the question of reducing the size of the City Council to the voters. The question must be approved by the voters in the next general City election. A complete, printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the City Clerk/Administrator’s office.**

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately. Upon approval of the question by the voters of the City of Rockville, the schedule for the reduction shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Jeff Hagen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rena Weber, City Administrator-Clerk