Ordinance No. 26-880

Publication No. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS TO SECTION 11.02 OF HUTCHINSON CITY CHARTER

The City Council hereby ordains:

WHEREAS, the Hutchinson Charter Commission met on August 31, 2026, and September 14, 2026, to review sections of the City Charter for updating or amending; and,

WHEREAS, the Hutchinson Charter Commission voted in favor of revisions to be made to Section 11.02 related to appointment and terms of the Hutchinson Utilities Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 410.12, Subd. 7, allows Charter changes to be made by ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, THAT

Section 11.02 of the Hutchinson City Charter attached hereto is hereby revised and these changes to the City Charter will take effect 90 days from adoption of this ordinance.

Adopted by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest:

_____ _____

Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator Gary T. Forcier, Mayor

Section 11.02. APPOINTMENT AND TERMS. The commission shall consist of five (5) persons who shall be appointed by the council. Each member must meet at least one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be a registered voter of Hutchinson;

2. Own a business whose principal place of business is within the City of Hutchinson and which is a rate-payer of the Utilities Commission; or

3. Be a rate-payer of the Utilities Commission residing within two miles of the city limits of Hutchinson.

~~registered voters of Hutchinson, or who is an owner of a business whose principal place of business is within the City of Hutchinson which is a rate-payer of the Utilities Commission who shall be appointed by the council~~. Of the five members, only one member may be a non-resident business owner and only one member may be a rate-payer of the Utilities Commission residing within two miles of the city limits of Hutchinson. In addition, one of the members may be a member of the city council appointed annually by the mayor with the consent of the city council, at the first meeting of the city council in January of each year.

After initial appointments for such terms as are set by the council, a member shall be appointed every year for a term of 5 years, to fill the place of the member whose term has expired, except for any city council member appointed to serve on the Utilities Commission, and in such case, that person shall serve a one-year term subject to reappointment. The commissioners in office at the time of adoption of this charter shall continue to serve the term to which they were previously appointed. Commissioners shall qualify for their office by taking and subscribing to the oath of office required of members of the council and filing the same with city administrator. They shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified and vacancies in office for any cause shall be filled for the balance of the term in which the vacancy occurs in the same manner as the original appointment is made. ~~No member shall serve more than two consecutive five-year terms, exclusive of the fulfillment of an unexpired term, but shall be again eligible for such service following a break in service of not less than one year.~~ The members of the commission, excluding the city council member, may receive compensation for their services as determined by the council.