



## STAFF REPORT AND FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

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**Charter Amendment:** CA-1-19

**Title:** Acting Mayor Designation

**Date:** February 4, 2019

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### STAFF REPORT

This amendment modifies Article V, Section 3 of the Charter to designate who is the Acting Mayor in the event of the Mayor's temporary disability or absence from the City for longer than one day.

Under this section, the mayor may designate in writing an alderperson to serve as Acting Mayor during the Mayor's temporary disability or absence from the City for longer than one day.

If the Mayor is temporarily disabled or absent from the City for longer than one day and fails to designate an Acting Mayor in writing, the alderpersons, in successive order, beginning with the alderperson who has served the longest period of time and ending with the alderperson who has served the least period of time, will serve as Acting Mayor until such times as the City Council, at the call of any member, meets and, by majority vote, designates an alderperson to serve as Acting Mayor.

If no alderperson is able to serve as Acting Mayor until the City Council meets, or if the vacancy is filled pursuant to Article 2, Section 7 of the Charter, the individual serving in each position below, in ascending order of succession, shall serve as Acting Mayor:

- (1) City Manager;
- (2) Director of Finance;
- (3) City Attorney;
- (4) Director of Public Works;
- (5) Director of Planning and Zoning;
- (6) Director of Transportation;
- (7) Director of Recreation and Parks;
- (8) Fire Chief;
- (9) Police Chief.

The amendment further provides that no later than the fourth council meeting after the mayor and aldermen/alderwomen take office, the City Council shall designate the successive order of each alderperson for the purposes of this legislation.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This Charter amendment has no fiscal impact.

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