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***CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT
PRIOR TO APRIL 10, 2012, BALLOT PROPOSALS***

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: The fifth Sioux Falls Charter Revision Commission, appointed in October 2011 by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council, has conducted five public meetings since November 2011 in order to assist them in preparing a report of proposed revisions to the City's Charter in 2012. The Commission is prepared to deliver the proposed revisions to City election authorities for placement on the upcoming April 10, 2012 ballot.

During the course of their public meetings, the Charter Revision Commission considered various Charter revision proposals brought forward by city departments, council members, Charter Revision Commission members and/or citizens. After review and discussion about the various proposals, the Commission decided that some of the issues which were raised warranted further review and were therefore either withdrawn or taken under advisement for further research and discussion by the Commission following the upcoming election. After discussion and debate, the Commission affirmatively voted to

advance three proposed measures which, following delivery and filing with the City Clerk, will be presented to the public for further consideration and, ultimately, to be voted on by city voters.

One proposed revision will further delineate the powers of the City under its Charter, consistent with the South Dakota Constitution. Another proposed revision will combine two somewhat redundant sections of the Charter relating to the publication and passage of the city's annual appropriation ordinance. The last proposal will expand the jurisdiction of the Sioux Falls Board of Ethics to hear complaints regarding conduct related to city elections as directed by the Revised Ordinances of the City of Sioux Falls. Each of these proposed revisions will be presented in the form of Charter Amendments to city voters for their consideration in the upcoming city election.

City voters have previously approved revisions to the City Charter in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2010. The City's Charter is the broad governing document for the conduct of local municipal government in Sioux Falls.

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