

majority of the electors of the city voting on the question at an election held in accordance with this act and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 26, 1965.

CHAPTER 269—S. F. No. 1260

[Not Coded]

An act pertaining to the city of Saint Paul and establishing budget procedures with reference to said city.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **St. Paul, city of; budget procedures.** Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the charter of the city of Saint Paul to the contrary, it shall be the duty of the comptroller not later than October 1 of each year to transmit to the city council detailed estimates in writing of the expenses of the city for the next succeeding fiscal year and of the revenue necessary to meet said expenses. Said comptroller shall have full power and authority to require from each head of an administrative department of the city of Saint Paul or other person in control of expenditures specific estimates, in such form as said comptroller may prescribe, of the expenses of such department for the next succeeding fiscal year, the expenditures of the department for the six months immediately preceding June 30 next preceding, and for the last preceding fiscal year. Said estimates shall be placed in the hands of the comptroller prior to August 15 of each year. Said estimates shall be so itemized as to show clearly the amounts to be raised for each purpose necessary to carry on the business of the city. At the same time as presenting said estimates of expenditures, the comptroller shall also submit estimates of probable revenue from taxation, probable rate of direct property taxes necessary, and probable amount of revenue to be received by the city from sources other than direct taxation for the next succeeding fiscal year.

Subd. 2. Upon receipt of the comptroller's report, the council shall cause the same to be published once in the official paper of the city. After such publication said council shall hold public hearings from day to day for at least ten days but not more than twenty days, at such times and in such manner as the council may prescribe, at which all residents of the city of Saint Paul desiring

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to be heard may be heard in reference to any of said estimates or any item thereof. In this connection, the council is given full authority to establish under the direction of the city clerk an exhibit of diagrams, models or other devices useful in explaining budget items to the public.

Subd. 3. Upon the completion of said hearings, and not later than October 25 of each year, the council shall, by resolution to be adopted by four affirmative votes of all members elected to the city council, fix the amount of expenditures in dollars that may be made by the several departments, bureaus or activities of the city government of the city of Saint Paul during the next following fiscal year. In fixing such expenditures, said council shall specify as to the expenditure from each of the funds provided in Chapter XIII of the charter of the city of Saint Paul and shall make appropriations in fullest practical detail designating the purpose of each expenditure as specifically as may be. In so fixing expenditures, the council shall not increase by more than ten percent any fund beyond the estimates of said comptroller, and it shall not increase the aggregate of all appropriations more than three percent above the estimates of said comptroller. *Said council may reduce any item or the aggregate of all items as much as it may deem consistent with public interests.* If the council shall fail to fix before October 25 of any year the amount of expenditures for the next succeeding year, then the amount of city expenditures for the next succeeding year shall be the same as the expenditures for the year in which such failure shall occur.

Subd. 4. After the adoption of the budget by resolution, not later than October 25 of each year as provided in subdivision 3, the council shall on or before November 1 of each year adopt a tax levy resolution. To achieve this end the resolution shall show the gross budget less a summary of other sources of revenue to arrive at the amount which must be provided by an ad valorem tax on all taxable real and personal property within the city of Saint Paul.

Subd. 5. This section shall continue in effect unless and until changed by amendment of the charter of the city of Saint Paul.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the city of Saint Paul and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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