

CITIZENS LEAGUE REPORT

No. 53a

**City of Minneapolis  
Charter Amendment 14**

**February 1956**

FORMS AND STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Proposed Minneapolis charter amendment number 14, to be voted on March 20, 1956.

The amendment proposal

"The Charter of the City of Minneapolis is hereby amended by striking from Chapter 4, Section 5, second paragraph, the following language:

'Provided, that all licenses, except for exhibitions, caravans, menageries, circuses, concerts and theatrical performances shall extend to and terminate upon the first Monday in May next after the same shall be issued, unless sooner revoked.'

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

'Provided that no license shall be issued for any longer time than one year, and the City Council shall by ordinance determine the date of expiration of all licenses.'

Background

This was proposed by the City Clerk with the endorsement of the City Council. The City Clerk is responsible for issuing most licenses, and finds that the May expiration date for all licenses causes a great jam in his office. Licensees have complained about this situation for a long time, according to the Clerk. The proposal would permit staggering of expiration dates throughout the year, making the task more manageable and convenient for licensees as well as the Clerk's office.

No protests were registered against the proposal at the Charter Commission's hearing.

The League's Licensing Committee favors the proposal.

Committee action needed

Forms and Structure Committee should recommend a League stand to the Board of Directors.

February 10, 1956

Approved by Bd of Directors 2/23/56