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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 1242

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
- 03/06/2017 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read for the Second Time
- 05/01/2017 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments
- 05/18/2017 The House concurred in the Senate Amendments and repassed the bill as Amended by the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; requiring notice of proposed city ordinances;

1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 415.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. 415.19 NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

1.7 (1) "city" means a statutory or home rule charter city;

1.8 (2) "electronic notification system" means an electronic notification system operated by  
1.9 the city that distributes general city information or notices through e-mail; and

1.10 (3) "proposed ordinance" means a proposed new ordinance or a proposed amendment  
1.11 to an ordinance.

1.12 Subd. 2. Posting. (a) If a city posts ordinances on the city's Web site, the city must also  
1.13 post proposed ordinances on the Web site at least ten days before the city council meeting  
1.14 at which the proposed ordinance is scheduled for a final vote.

1.15 (b) If a city does not have an electronic notification system, the city must post notice of  
1.16 a proposed ordinance in the same location as other public notices are posted at least ten  
1.17 days before the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance is scheduled for a  
1.18 final vote.

1.19 Subd. 3. Individual notice by e-mail. (a) If a city has an electronic notification system,  
1.20 the city must notify any person that has signed up for e-mail notification of proposed

2.1 ordinances at least ten days before the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance  
2.2 is scheduled for a final vote.

2.3 (b) If a city has an electronic notification system, the city must notify a person of the  
2.4 notification procedure at the time the person applies for a new business license or license  
2.5 renewal.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Failure to provide notice.** Failure to provide notice described in this section  
2.7 does not invalidate the ordinance or amendment to an ordinance adopted.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Minimum requirements.** The requirements in this section are minimum  
2.9 requirements. A city may provide more notice if it has the ability to do so.

2.10 Subd. 6. **Interim ordinances exempt.** The requirements in this section do not apply to  
2.11 interim ordinances adopted pursuant to section 462.355, subdivision 4.