

Legislatively Mandated Reports Overview



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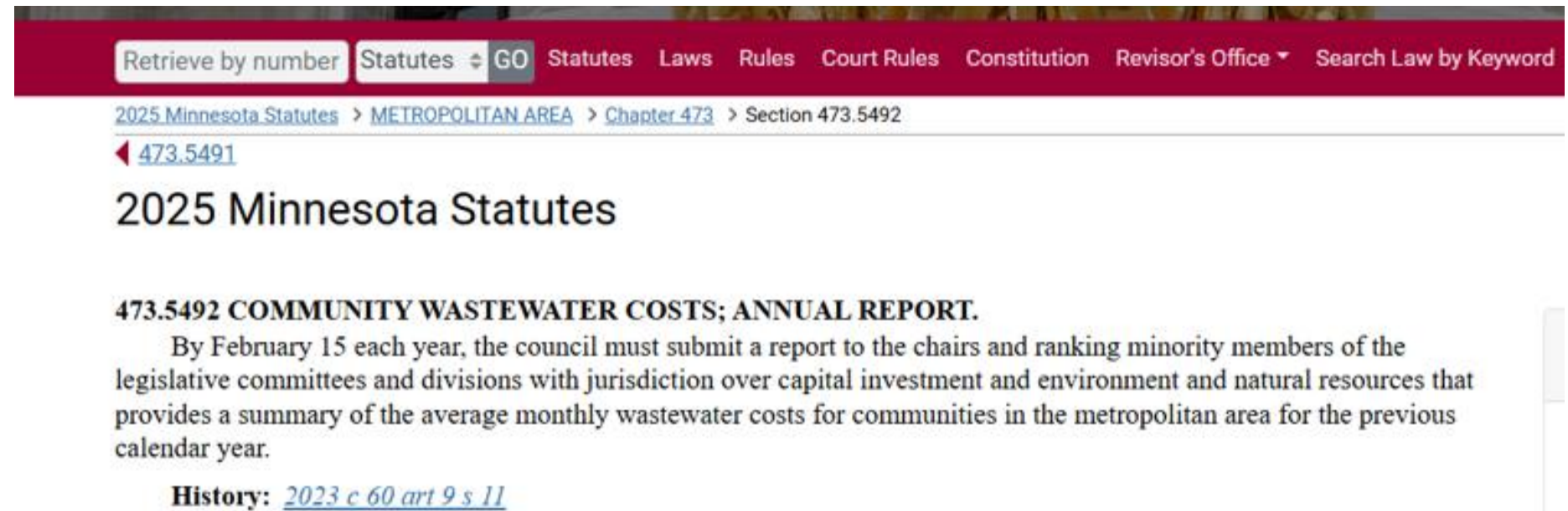


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What are Legislatively Mandated Reports?

- Required by legislation passed by the legislature and signed by the governor
- Legislation determines:
 - What is included in the report
 - Timeframe for report information and/or submittal and report frequency
 - Recipients of the report
- Council determines:
 - Responsible staff who draft or review reports
 - Timeframe for report drafting and review



The screenshot shows the Minnesota Statutes website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box labeled "Retrieve by number" and a "GO" button. To the right of the search box are links for "Statutes", "Laws", "Rules", "Court Rules", "Constitution", "Revisor's Office", and "Search Law by Keyword". Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads: "2025 Minnesota Statutes > METROPOLITAN AREA > Chapter 473 > Section 473.5492". A red arrow points to the section number "473.5491". The main heading is "2025 Minnesota Statutes". Below this, the section is titled "473.5492 COMMUNITY WASTEWATER COSTS; ANNUAL REPORT." The text of the statute states: "By February 15 each year, the council must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over capital investment and environment and natural resources that provides a summary of the average monthly wastewater costs for communities in the metropolitan area for the previous calendar year." The history is noted as "History: 2023 c 60 art 9 s 11".

Legislatively Mandated Reports Overview

Role of Government Affairs

- Track all current and newly added reports.
- Work with internal partners to ensure completeness and responsiveness of reports.
- Coordinate final review and submission to external parties.
- Advocate for process improvements for existing reports.

How many?

- 38 reports submitted in 2024.
- 28 reports submitted so far in 2025, five remaining.
- Currently 36 scheduled for 2026 (could change depending on laws passed in the 2026 legislative session).

Report Requirements

- Reports can be one-time, submitted annually, once a quarter, or as needed.
- Recipients may include leadership and staff of relevant legislative committees, other government entities, and the Legislative Reference Library.
- Partner with all divisions of the Met Council as well as external partners like the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

2025 Mandated Reports

Environmental Resources

- Annual Wastewater Costs Report

Regional Administration/ Council wide

- Metropolitan Council Annual Report
- Affirmative Action Plan
- Program Evaluation
- Unified Budget

Community Development

- Parks and Trails Fund Legacy Report
- Parks Implementing Agencies Activity and Rental Equipment Report
- Livable Communities Local Housing Incentives Act
- Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan
- Livable Communities Report
- Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program Status Report
- Funds Distributed to Regional Parks Implementing Agencies for Operations and Maintenance
- Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Report Card

2025 Mandated Reports

Metro Transit/Metropolitan Transportation Services

- Quarterly Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Report
- Transportation Financial Review
- Zero Emission Bus Report
- Transit Fare Elimination Pilot Project Report
- Legislative Report on Federal Pandemic Relief Funds for Transit
- Transit Safety and Rider Experience Report
- Portable Recording Systems Biannual Audit
- Legislative Report on Transit Operating Reserves
- Metro Mobility Financial Forecast Report
- Response to MnDOT Oversight Reporting on LRT
- Regional Sales Tax for Transportation Summary
- Transit Cleaning Standards and Ridership Experience Report

February 2025

Transit Fare Elimination Pilot Program Report



Upcoming Reports

Selected reports coming in 2026

- Metro Mobility Enhancement Pilot Program Report – February 1
- Transit Cleaning Standards and Ridership Experience Report – February 15
- High Subsidy Transit Service Analysis – March 1
- Bus Rapid Transit Alternate Mode Analysis – June 15

Reports Accessibility

Easier access to Met Council reports:

Reports are available at <http://metro council.org/Publications-Resources-NEW.aspx>

and clicking on the “Reports” tab or by visiting the Legislative Reference Library website at https://www.lrl.mn.gov/mndocs/mandates_results?g=g&agency=175&child=1

COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS & DOCUMENTS



PUBLICATION & DOCUMENT LISTS

Many Council documents can be found organized under the tabs below.

Enter search terms

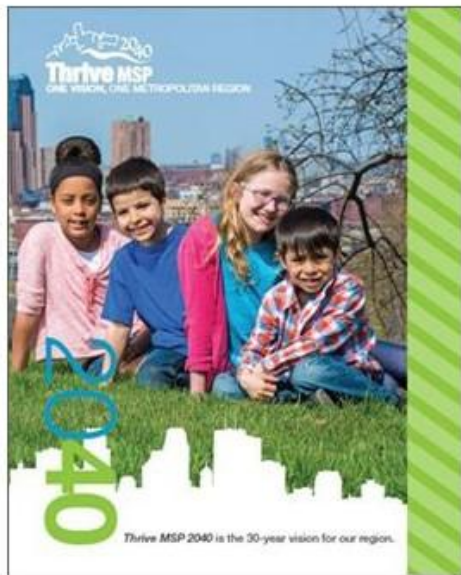
SEARCH FOR PUBLICATIONS & DOCUMENTS

SEARCH TIPS

The publications search will only return results for documents or web pages containing, in their title or on the web page, ALL the search terms you enter.

EXAMPLE: If you enter the terms "Housing Policy Plan," results will only include documents or web pages having at least those three terms in the title or on the page. For instance, results would include "Housing Policy Plan," or "Housing Policy Plan - Draft." It would not include results like "Housing Policy," or "Housing Plan."

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Minnesota laws require that the Metropolitan Council submit reports on a variety of topics. All legislatively mandated reports submitted by the Metropolitan Council can be viewed on the [Legislative Reference Library website](#).



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