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Clark v. City of Saint Paul

Supreme Court of Minnesota - October 16, 2019 - N.W.2d - 2019 WL 5198831

City residents filed petition, challenging city's refusal to put on the ballot referendum on city ordinance, stating that all trash collected in city had to be pursuant to written contract with the city and stating that all previous private contracts between solid waste haulers and residents were null and void.

The District Court granted petition. City appealed to the Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court granted city's petition for accelerated review.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Referendum on city ordinance that established organized waste collection services did not conflict with requirements in state statute, and
- Referendum on city ordinance that established organized waste collection services did not impair city's contract obligations under the contract clauses of the United States or Minnesota Constitutions.