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Ward 10 councillor on leave to recover from jaw surgery

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Ward 10 councillor Sue McFadden is taking a medical leave of absence from her duties as a city and regional councillor as she recovers from jaw replacement surgery.

According to the councillor's executive assistant David Raakman, McFadden has requested a 12-week leave as she recovers from the Jan. 6 surgery. Although McFadden has asked for the three-month absence, Raakman said the councillor hopes to return to work sooner than that.

In fall 2013, McFadden took a medical leave as she recovered from maxillofacial surgery.

A few weeks after the initial surgery, McFadden was able to work on a limited basis from her home office.

Raakman said the most recent procedure was because of complications from her previous surgery that left her unable to open her mouth fully, and that her jaw was a source of chronic pain.

Raakman said McFadden hopes to get back to work as soon as possible.

"As soon as she is up to it, she will resume her activities as far as she is able to electronically," he told *The News*. "I will meet with her in-person as needed to go over concerns (and) projects to keep her abreast of everything that's going on."



Sue McFadden