

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Rule 41 of The Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council, City of Chicago, For Years 2023 – 2027 (the “Rules”) is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through, and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

Referring Of New Business To Committees; Report To Council When Committee Fails To Act.

RULE 41

A. Referral of Matters to Committee.

All ordinances, orders, petitions, resolutions, motions, communications or other propositions shall be referred, without debate, to the appropriate committees and only acted upon by the City Council at a subsequent meeting, on the report of the committee having the same in charge; provided, however, that the following shall not be subject to this rule:

(a) Ordinances fixing the time for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

(b) Motions listed in Rule 21 and purely procedural motions.

(c) Resolutions determining the membership, Chair or Vice-Chair of Council committees, Vice-Mayor or President Pro Tempore, Assistant President Pro Tempore, or the Sergeant-At-Arms and his or her assistants.

In addition to those matters listed in Rule 41A which are not subject to referral to committee, all resolutions concerning deaths, congratulations, ceremonial and noncontroversial matters may be considered by the whole City Council without the suspension of the Rules of Order and Procedure and adopted as a group by a single motion to “Do Pass” at any regular meeting of the City Council upon recommendation of the Chair of the Committee on Finance or the Chair of the Committee on Committees and Rules herein so designated for the purpose of recommending passage of such agreed resolutions. Resolutions calling for the expenditure of funds or directing investigations shall not be subject to the agreed resolution procedures. Each matter so recommended shall be briefly described by subject and sponsor by the member(s) reporting agreed resolutions. Any matter on the Agreed Calendar shall be removed on the motion of any Alderperson and shall then be subject to the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council as provided in this Rule 41A. For the purpose of facilitating the review of such resolutions, all matters to be considered shall be filed with the City Clerk forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the Council meeting at which they will be considered and made available to the Alderpersons selected to review such matters.

B. Direct Introduction to Committee.

Nothing in ~~this Rule 41A~~ or the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council shall preclude the introduction or submission of ordinances, orders, resolutions, petitions, or other propositions into a committee of the City Council by an operating department, office, or agency in order to facilitate an expeditious hearing on said matter ~~or where an emergency exists,~~ provided that, for

any such direct introduction, the department, office, or agency must: (i) attach to such ordinance, order, resolution, petition, or other proposition a statement of urgency explaining the nature of the emergency in detail; (ii) publicly post the text of such ordinance, order, resolution, petition, or other proposition no less than 48 hours before any committee may vote on such matter; and (iii) no later than the required public posting, transmit such ordinance, order, resolution, petition, or other proposition to all members of City Council along with an impartial and unbiased summary of the matter. A committee may, by a majority vote of all committee members, waive the requirements of the preceding sentence of this Rule 41B. No ordinance, order, resolution, petition, or other proposition may be directly introduced into a committee of the City Council when a substantially similar matter is currently pending before any other committee of the City Council. In addition, routine or repetitive matters, including orders and ordinances regarding the issuance of parking permits, the installation of traffic signs or signals, the issuance of sign and signboard permits, the approval of charitable solicitation (tag day) permits, and the approval of legal settlements, may also be introduced directly into a committee of the City Council for hearing without following the requirements of this paragraph. This provision shall not apply to matters described in paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this Rule 41 A.

C. Amendments in Committee.

Any member of a committee may propose an amendment to an ordinance or other proposition before the committee. An amendment filling in blanks, correcting spelling, correcting a typographical error or correcting punctuation may be made on the face of the ordinance or other proposition to be amended. An amendment for any other purpose shall be produced in a separate document, and shall set forth the entire section of the ordinance or proposition affected by the proposed amendment, with insertions and deletions indicated as provided in Rule 46. Except as otherwise provided herein, no committee shall vote on a proposed amendment, except an amendment on the face of an ordinance or other proposition as permitted by this paragraph of this Rule 41C, until and unless a formal amendment complying with the requirements of this paragraph has been prepared and a copy presented to every committee member present. An exception shall be made for the form of amendments to line items within the annual appropriation ordinance or Community Development Block Grant ordinance; an amendment to either of those ordinances need list only the fund(s), department(s), and activity level(s) affected by the amendment, and shall also list the item(s) to be struck and the item(s) to be inserted or added.

D. Matters Not Reported back to City Council within 30 days.

Whenever any referred matter shall not have been reported back to the City Council by the committee to which referred, within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of referral, the Committee Chair shall at the written request of the sponsor submit a report in writing to the Council at its next regular meeting, giving a brief summary of the proceedings had in said committee in relation to such referred matter and stating the reasons for the failure or inability of the committee to report such referred matter back to the Council together with its conclusion thereon up to such time. Such report of the committee chairman shall be presented under the order of "Reports of Committees".

E. Matters Not Reported back to City Council within 60 days.

Whenever any referred matter shall not have been reported back to the City Council by the committee to which referred, within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of referral, any Alderperson may move to discharge the committee from further consideration of that matter. In order to afford a Committee Chair an opportunity to convene a hearing on a pending matter and provide Alderpersons sufficient time to review such matter, no motion to discharge shall be called for a vote unless a written notice, identifying the matter, is delivered to, and time stamped by, the City Clerk and copies of such notice are delivered to all Alderpersons no later than by the close

of business on the fifth business day prior to the City Council meeting. The motion to discharge shall be posted by the City Clerk no later than by the close of business on the fifth business day prior to the City Council meeting at which it is scheduled to be heard. The motion to discharge shall be made under the order of "Miscellaneous Business", and shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all the Alderpersons entitled by law to be elected.

F. Deferred or Postponed Matters and Notice.

No deferred or postponed matter, whether postponed pursuant to these rules or deferred pursuant to statute, may be called for a vote unless written notice, identifying each matter to be called for a vote, is delivered to, and time stamped by, the City Clerk and copies delivered to all Alderpersons at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the City Council meeting.


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