



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 023-051
DATE OF PASSAGE August 22, 2023

An Ordinance amending Sec. 2-125 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to meetings of the standing committees of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has established a system of standing committee to assist it in performing its legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has enacted Section 2-125 of the Code of Ordinances, which provides for operating procedures for its standing committees to adhere to in the conduct of their business; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time a standing committee chairperson may be confronted with the question of whether to cancel a meeting of the standing committee when the sole item of business is the approval of the minutes of a previous meeting; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-125 of the Code of Ordinances provides no direction to a standing committee chairperson as to whether to cancel a meeting under the aforescribed circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that convening a meeting of a standing committee for the primary purpose of approving the minutes of a previous meeting is unnecessary, undesirable, and not in the best interest of the City or its residents;)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that Section 2-125 of the Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as set forth in Exhibit A

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LEGISTAR NO. 23-0587

PASSED AND APPROVED ON August 22, 2023

AYES 11 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 0

ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Llamas, Ward 1	yes
Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2	yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	yes
Alderman Donnell, Ward 4	yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	yes
Vacant, Ward 7	N/A
Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8	yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	yes
Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10	yes
Alderman Laesch, At Large	yes
Alderman Woerman, At Large	yes

ATTEST:

Marisa S. Torres
City Clerk - Deputy

[Signature]
Mayor

1 Sec 2-125 Standing And Special Committee Operating Procedures

2 (a) The chairperson of each special or standing committee
3 shall preside at its meetings and prepare and submit all
4 reports therefrom to the committee of the whole. A committee
5 vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the committee
6 chairperson in the chairperson's absence.

7 (b) Each standing and special committee shall conduct its
8 regular meetings at the times and in the locations designated
9 by resolution of the council. A committee chairperson shall
10 have the discretion to cancel regular meetings of the
11 committee, and to convene a regular meeting at a time earlier
12 or later than specified by council resolution to the extent
13 authorized by the Open Meetings Act. A committee chairperson
14 shall cancel any meeting of a standing committee when the
15 sole item of business scheduled for consideration, apart from
16 public comment required under paragraph (d) of this section,
17 is the approval of the minutes of a previous meeting or
18 meetings of the standing committee, except as required by law.

19 Special committee meetings may be called by the committee
20 chairperson, three (3) of the committee's members, or by the
21 mayor in the manner authorized by law.

22 (c) Whenever the location of a standing or special committee
23 meeting is insufficient to accommodate the public, the

1 committee shall immediately adjourn to a more suitable
2 location, providing due notice to the public present.

3 (d) Each standing or special committee may adopt rules
4 permitting the public to address the committee during its
5 meeting and shall include public comment as a regular order
6 of business on all meeting agendas. In the absence of rules
7 adopted by a committee, the rules adopted by the city council
8 pertaining to public comment at its meetings shall govern.
9 The Office of the Aldermen shall maintain copies of each
10 committee's public comment rules and furnish them to the
11 public upon oral or written request.

12 (e) All members of the council may participate in the
13 deliberations of any standing or special committee in the
14 same manner as any of its members, provided that only duly-
15 appointed members of the committee may vote on matters before
16 the committee. Each standing or special committee chairperson,
17 in his or her discretion, may make materials available to the
18 members of the committee as to any item or items of committee
19 business available to any member of the council upon request.

20 (f) Each standing or special committee shall report to the
21 committee of the whole on matters referred to the committee
22 within thirty (30) days of the matter first appearing on the
23 committee's agenda. A report of the committee shall briefly
24 describe the matter, a summary of the committee's conclusions

1 or findings, and a recommendation, motion, resolution,
2 ordinance, or other distinct proposition that the committee
3 of the whole may consider when recommending action to the
4 council.

5 (Code 1969, § 2-81; Ord. No. 018-086, § Exh. A, 10-23-18; Ord. No.
6 019-029, Exh. A, 5-14-19)

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