

Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 110238)

RESOLUTION

Further amending Resolution No. 080001, as amended, which provides Rules for the Government of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, by creating a suspension calendar for bills and resolutions for which no immediate action is sought, and making conforming amendments, including a clarification that public comment will not be received on bills and resolutions on the suspension calendar.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

THAT Resolution No. 080001, which provides Rules for the Government of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, be amended as follows:

Note:

Strikethrough indicates matter deleted by these amendments. **Bold italics** indicates matter added by these amendments.

1. Amend Paragraphs V, VII, VIII and XVI, and add a new Paragraph XVII, all as follows:

V. Order of Business

1. The order of business at all stated meetings of Council shall be as follows:

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- n. Bills and resolutions on final passage (bills on the final passage postponed calendar may be called up under this order of business.)
- o. Bills on second reading and final passage (bills on second reading and final passage postponed calendar may be called up under this order of business.

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p. Bills and resolutions on the suspension calendar. During this order of business, the only actions that may be taken are to move a bill or resolution from the suspension calendar to the final passage calendar for the next session of Council, or to recommit a bill or resolution.

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VII. Consideration of Bills

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3. No bill shall be considered on the second reading and final passage calendar unless called up from the calendar by a member. If not called up for four (4) stated meetings it shall be recommitted to committee unless otherwise ordered by the Council. When a bill is called up for second reading and final passage the President shall direct the Chief Clerk to read such bill. It shall be read and then be subject to amendment in any part. When amendments are proposed to a bill or resolution, the sponsor shall present four (4) typewritten copies of each amendment and sufficient additional copies for distribution to the members and the press.

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5. At any time after second reading and before final passage a bill may be recommitted *or placed on the suspension calendar*, or action thereon *may be* postponed by a majority vote of all the members of the Council.

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VIII. Introduction and Consideration of Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Remonstrances and Communications.

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5. A resolution that is reported from committee shall not be considered on the same day it is reported from committee, but shall be placed on the final passage calendar for consideration at the next session of Council. A resolution on the final passage calendar may be moved to the suspension calendar by a majority vote of all the members of the Council.

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XVI. Public Comment.

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1. At each meeting of Council, opportunity shall be provided for residents and taxpayers to comment on bills and resolutions that are listed either on the final passage calendar or the second reading/final passage calendar for that meeting of Council. No comment shall be received with respect to any bill or resolution on the suspension calendar.

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XVII. Suspension Calendar.

1. No action shall be taken on any bill or resolution that has been placed on the suspension calendar, except for a motion to place the bill or resolution on the final passage calendar for the next session of Council, or a motion to recommit the bill or resolution.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirty-first of March, 2011.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke for Council President Verna

Sponsored by: Council President Verna