

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

Amending Section 2.05(10) and repealing Section 2.055(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the process of determining and making recommended motions related to Council agenda items.

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DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: Consistent with current practice, this ordinance provides that if an Alder requests referral of an item or an action that is different than the recommended action on the agenda or the consent agenda document, the item shall be excluded from the consent agenda. This ordinance also clarifies that the Common Council President has authority to approve the consent agenda including any recommendations described in agenda notes. However, if the President wishes to include a recommended motion on the consent agenda that is different than an action recommended by the lead referral and that has obtained a sponsor, the President shall obtain the consent of the lead sponsor. If the lead sponsor does not consent, the President may exclude the item from the consent agenda.

This ordinance also repeals MGO 2.055(3) so that referrals may be included on the consent agenda regardless of whether they are made with the consent of the lead sponsor.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

2. Subsection (10) of Section 2.05 entitled "Introduction of Business" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(10) No later than noon on the day of any Common Council meeting, an Alder may request exclusion of any agenda item from the consent agenda for the meeting by notifying Common Council staff in writing. If an Alder requests referral or another action that is different than the recommended action on the agenda or the consent agenda document, the item shall be excluded from the consent agenda. The Council President shall approve the consent agenda including any recommended actions or referrals listed on the consent agenda pursuant to Sec. 2.055(5). However, the Council President shall not approve a recommended action or referral on the consent agenda that differs from the recommendation of the lead referral and which obtains a sponsor without the consent of the lead sponsor. Prior to the Council meeting, Common Council staff shall create and circulate a consent agenda document identifying recommendations or referrals not printed on the agenda, and exclusions requested by noon on the day of the Council meeting. The consent agenda document shall be distributed to Alders and the Mayor, and made available to the public. Additional agenda items may be excluded from the consent agenda by request of an Alder at the Common Council meeting. All items excluded from the consent agenda shall be considered separately. A Department Head or their designee of the City agency responsible for the subject matter or implementation of a proposal included on the meeting agenda shall be in attendance and available to respond to questions of Alders until such time as the Council considers the item, either as part of the consent agenda or as a separate item."

3. Subsection (3) of Section 2.055 entitled "Referral and Consideration of Business" of the Madison General Ordinances is repealed.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Subsection (3) of Section 2.055 entitled "Referral and Consideration of Business" of the Madison General Ordinances currently reads as follows:

"(3) Any objection to a referral included on the consent agenda shall be excluded from the consent agenda and acted upon separately. Referrals made without the consent of the lead sponsor shall be excluded from the consent agenda and acted upon separately."