

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

Amending Section 2.055(5) 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: This ordinance defines lead referral consistent with current practice. It provides that, if the recommendation of the lead referral obtains a sponsor, it will stand as the recommended action on the Council agenda, unless the Council President indicates a different recommended action in an agenda note. However, if the President wishes to include a recommended motion in an agenda note 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.

The ordinance also clarifies that recommendations of all Sub-units are reported to the Council. It also requires that all changes to reports or documents adopted in an ordinance or resolution shall be identified and the revised version shall be referred to in the ordinance or resolution.

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

4. Subsection (5) of Section 2.055 entitled "Referral and Consideration of Business" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(5) A Sub-unit shall be designated as the lead referral for any matter referred to more than one board, committee or commission. If there is only one referral, that Sub-unit shall be considered the lead referral. When the committee to which an ordinance or resolution has been referred reports such ordinance or resolution to the Council at a subsequent meeting, the ordinance or resolution shall stand for final action in accordance with the report of the lead committee, unless an agenda note approved by the Council President indicates a different recommended action. However, the Council President shall not approve an agenda note indicating a different recommendation from the lead referral which obtains a sponsor without the consent of the lead sponsor. If the ordinance or resolution is modified by the committee, it will stand as a substitute if the sponsor of the ordinance or resolution so agrees; if the sponsor does not so agree, the committee report shall stand as an alternate, provided that such alternate or substitute is germane to the ordinance or resolution originally referred to such committee. All recommendations of Sub-units shall be reported to the Council. An amendment approving or adopting a report or document which has been revised or amended after introduction shall include a reference to the appropriate version of the accompanying report or document."