

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

AN ORDINANCE _____

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February 25, 2014
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Creating Section 2.05(9) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit introduction of ordinances without the approval of the City Attorney.

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DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance codifies current practice which is reflected in APM 3-1 but not in the Council's rules of procedure. To prevent the possibility of abuse, the ordinance allows introduction over the objection of the City Attorney by a 2/3 vote of the Council.

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

Subsection (9) of Section 2.05 entitled "Introduction of Business" of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

"(9) No ordinance shall be introduced unless the same shall have been submitted to and approved as to form by the City Attorney. The City Clerk shall refuse to process any ordinance that has not been so approved. Upon complaint to the Common Council President that the City Attorney has unreasonably withheld approval of an ordinance, the ordinance may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Common Council."

Approved as to form: