

BASIC INFORMATION ON MOTIONS

RANKING MOTIONS

These motions are listed in order of rank.

When any one of these motions is pending those above are in order and those below are not in order.

	<u>Privileged Motions:</u>	<u>Require Second?</u>	<u>Can Debate?</u>	<u>Can Be Amended?</u>	<u>Vote Required</u>
13.	Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
12.	Adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority
11.	Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
10.	Raise a Question of Privilege	No	No	No	Chair
9.	Call for the Orders of the Day	No	No	No	Chair

	<u>Subsidiary Motions:</u>	<u>Require Second?</u>	<u>Can Debate?</u>	<u>Can Be Amended?</u>	<u>Vote Required</u>
8.	Lay on the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority
7.	Previous Question	Yes	No	No	2/3
6.	Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
5.	Postpone to a Certain Time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
4.	Commit or Refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
3.	Amend	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
2.	Place on File	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
1.	Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

NON-RANKING MOTIONS

Incidental Motions (procedural)

<u>Incidental Motions</u>	<u>Require Second?</u>	<u>Can Debate?</u>	<u>Can Be Amended?</u>	<u>Vote Required</u>
Appeal	Yes	Yes*	No	Majority
Close Nominations	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Consider by Paragraph (Seriatim)	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Request for Roll Call Vote	No	No	No	No
Division of the Question	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Objection to Consideration of Question	No	No	No	2/3
Point of Order	No	No	No	Chair
Reopen Nominations	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Suspend the Rules	Yes	No	No	2/3
Requests & Parliamentary Inquiries	No	No	No	Chair

Motions bringing a question before

<u>Council again</u>	<u>Require Second?</u>	<u>Can Debate?</u>	<u>Can Be Amended?</u>	<u>Vote Required</u>
Reconsider	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Rescind	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend Something Previously Adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Take from the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority

*May be discussed but each member may only speak once

Source: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition / Wisconsin Counties Association