

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

Amending Section 2.05(9) 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: Currently, no ordinance shall be introduced unless it has been approved as to form by the City Attorney. When an amendment to an ordinance is proposed on the Council floor, it must be conveyed in writing to the City Clerk. This ordinance requires that any amendment to an ordinance proposed on the Council floor shall also be approved as to form by the City Attorney prior to consideration by the Council.

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

1. Subsection (9) of Section 2.05 entitled “Introduction of Business” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the entire Common Council. Any amendment to an ordinance, including any made on the Council floor shall be submitted in writing to and approved as to form by the City Attorney prior to consideration by the Council.”