



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

The proposed resolution requires the Common Council to conduct a ranked-choice voting process to reallocate \$91,078 from the 2023 Common Council budget for other purposes. The reduction in the Common Council budget reflects the failure of the passage of the alder salary increase ordinance. The results of the vote will be used for advisory purposes. The resolution also requires the Common Council Executive Committee to discuss the ranked-choice voting experience at its March 15, 2023 meeting and make a recommendation to the next Council regarding the adoption of a similar process for determining the order of operating budget amendments as part of the 2024 budget process. Any costs associated with the process are expected to be minimal and covered with existing resources. No appropriation is required.

### **Title**

Creating a Ranked-Choice Vote Process for Possible Operating Budget Amendments, for Advisory Purposes

### **Body**

WHEREAS, the Common Council has \$91,078 in its budget that cannot be spent; and,

WHEREAS, there have been multiple budget amendments proposed to reallocate that money; and,

WHEREAS, none of the amendments have been able to reach the 15-vote threshold required to pass a budget amendment; and,

WHEREAS, there may be a consensus of the Council on how best to reallocate those funds but the Council's current approach to debate has made it difficult for the Council to arrive at that consensus; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council Executive Committee does not believe that continued attempts at amending the budget to spend these funds without changing the approach is an good use of the City's time; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council Executive Committee and the Common Council have used ranked-choice voting to determine how to select between multiple competing options in the past;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council shall conduct a ranked-choice voting process to rank possible amendments to the 2023 operating budget to reallocate \$91,078 from the Common Council budget for advisory purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of choices shall be the previous proposed amendments, plus any that have been introduced, plus an explicit "Do not reallocate the funds" option.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the voting process shall be conducted during a meeting of the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ballots cast shall be preserved as records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council Executive Committee shall discuss the experience at its March 15th 2023 meeting and make a recommendation to the next Council as to adopting a similar process for determining the order of operating budget amendments as part of the 2024 budget process.