Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note
No expenditure required.
Title
SECOND SUBSTITUTE - Amending Sections 2.29 and 2.40(6)(d) of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify that appearance forms may only be submitted by persons physically present at a meeting.
Body
DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance clarifies that registration or appearance forms may only be submitted by persons who actually are present at a meeting.
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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 2.29 entitled "Citizens Right to Address Common Council" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"2.29 CITIZENS RIGHT TO ADDRESS COMMON COUNCIL.
Except as hereinafter set forth, any citizen shall have the right to speak on any item of business that is on the agenda for Common Council action if he/she registers to speak on that item before the item comes up for action. Except for informational and public hearings, speakers shall be limited to a three-minute address unless the Common Council agrees by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to extend the time. Provided, that a speaker who requires an interpreter, either because of his/her limited English proficiency or because of a disability, may speak for six (6) minutes. No citizen shall be permitted to speak on petitions and communications when first introduced before the Common Council and which are scheduled to be referred and reported back at a later meeting. No person shall submit a registration or appearance form for any meeting unless that person actually attends some portion of the meeting at which the registration or appearance is submitted, or personally delivers the form at the place of the meeting within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the meeting. This limitation does not apply to any person who is eligible to register with the City Clerk for automatic absentee balloting under sec. 6.86(2)(a), Wis. Stats."

2. Subdivision (d) of Subsection (6) entitled "Registration" of Section 2.40 entitled "Lobbying Regulated" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"(d) Every person who appears before any board, committee, or commission or before the Common Council, shall indicate on a form supplied by the City Clerk whether s/he is a registered lobbyist; whether s/he represents a person or organization other than herself or himself; whether s/he is being paid or expects to be paid for the representation; the name, address and telephone number of the person s/he represents; his/her relationship (ownership, employment, etc.) to the person or organization s/he represents; whether her/his appearance is incidental to paid other duties for this person or organization; and whether she or he understands the duty of a lobbyist to register with the City Clerk. No person shall submit a registration or appearance form for any meeting unless that person actually attends some portion of the meeting at which the registration or appearance is submitted, or personally delivers the form at the place of the meeting within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the meeting. This limitation does not apply to any person who is eligible to register with the City Clerk for automatic absentee balloting under sec. 6.86(2)(a), Wis. Stats."