

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS EFFICIENTLY BY MOTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the members of Council represent the people of Hudson, Ohio, and receive proposals and recommendations from the public to enact various resolutions or ordinances; and

WHEREAS, many matters Council addresses should or must go through a board or commission for further investigation, discussion, and opinion before Council acts on them; and

WHEREAS, Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the public they serve to conduct business properly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the current parliamentary procedure and manner of referring matters to a board or commission leaves room for ambiguity; and

WHEREAS, a clear, efficient method for referring matters to a board or commission is necessary to benefit the administration of City business and the public welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. That Section 220.03 (m) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson be created and provide as follows:

- (1) Referral by simple motion. Council may refer proposed legislation or any topic to any City board, committee, or commission by a simple majority vote without the need to suspend the rules.
- (2) Absent a majority vote to the contrary or provision otherwise by Council, the referred item discussed in subpart 1 above shall next be placed on Council's agenda when whichever of the following occurs first:
 - (A) The relevant board, committee, or commission refers the referred item back to Council with comments or a report; or
 - (B) 60 days have passed since Council referred the item to a board, committee, or commission. The day following Council's official referral will count as day one in calculating this deadline.
- (3) Any referral of legislation to any board or commission shall constitute a "reading" of said legislation. Once the subject legislation returns to Council, the legislation shall be listed on the agenda as being on its next "reading."

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of City residents, to allow for the timely submission and referral of several pending items within recommended guidelines and requirements, and to allow for the continued operations of the City Administration and other departments and shall, therefore, be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of the Council for its enactment if seven (7) are present, or an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) members are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 24-110 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2024.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council