

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-27**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council heretofore did enact Urbana City Code Section 2-27 to adopt rules for the deliberations of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, after due consideration, finds that amending such sections as herein provided is in the best interests of the City and is desirable for the welfare of the City's government and affairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.**

Urbana City Code Chapter 2, "Administration"; Article II, "Elected Officials"; Division 2, "City Council"; Section 2-27, "Rules for deliberations" shall be and hereby are amended as follows with underlined language signifying inclusions and with strike-through language signifying deletions as set forth hereinafter.

**Sec. 2-27. - Rules for deliberations.**

The following rules for the government of the deliberations of the city council are hereby adopted:

- (1) The city council shall determine its own rules of proceeding, which rules must be adopted and approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of all the members of the council, and no such rule may be repealed, annulled, amended, abridged, modified or suspended except by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of all the members of the council. On all points of order not otherwise specifically provided for in such rules of proceeding, "Robert's Rules of Order," as may from time-to-time be revised, is adopted and made the law governing the deliberations of the city council.
- (2) The order of business of all regular meetings of the city council shall be as follows:
  - (a) Call to Order
  - (b) Approval of minutes of the proceedings of regular and special meetings.

- (c) ~~Additions to the agenda.~~ Presentations and public input.
- (d) ~~Presentations and Public Input~~ Committee & Council Input & Communications.
- (e) ~~Unfinished business.~~ Additions to the agenda.
- (f) ~~Reports of standing committees.~~ Unfinished business.
  - (i) ~~Consent agenda~~
  - (ii) ~~Regular agenda~~
- (g) ~~Reports of special committees.~~ Reports of standing committees.
  - (i) Consent agenda
  - (ii) Regular agenda
- (h) ~~Reports of officers.~~ Reports of special committees.
- (i) ~~New business.~~ Reports of officers.
- (j) ~~Adjournment.~~ New business.
- (k) Adjournment.

The above order of business for any meeting may be altered by a majority vote of the city council members in attendance at the meeting.

- (3) Whenever it shall become necessary for a number smaller than a majority of the city council to compel the attendance of absentee members in order to constitute a quorum to do business, a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) may be imposed upon any such absentee member for failure to so attend.
- (4) At any meeting of the city council, upon the making of and second to a motion to defer (whether phrased as a “motion to defer” or otherwise), the effect of which would be to postpone consideration of any agenda item to the next regular meeting of the council. Such agenda item is then before the city council for the first time by motion made and seconded, any such agenda item shall be automatically deferred for final action thereon to the next regular meeting of the city council, unless upon the making of and second to a subsequent motion, three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of those aldermen/alderwomen present vote to consider such deferred item at a special meeting to be called and held before the date of the next regular meeting.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor