

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Motion No. M2012-0030

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenspan, Connally and Brady	A Motion amending the Rules of the Cuyahoga County Council to clarify the process and powers related to the sponsorship of legislation and the Standing Committees of Council, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter provides in Article 2, Section 10, Subsection 2 that the Cuyahoga County Council shall adopt its own rules; and

WHEREAS, the Council's purpose and intent in adopting these rules is to develop operating procedures for the Council that are clear and understandable, promote fair and orderly conduct of the Council's business, facilitate openness and public participation, provide for easy access to public records, and encourage ethical conduct; and

WHEREAS, Council approved permanent rules on April 26, 2011 in Motion No. M2011-0007, as amended on May 8, 2012 by Motion No. M2012-0004; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to amend the permanent Rules of Council in order to provide for a more informative and accessible record of the sponsorship of legislation, to amend the process for members to withdraw legislation in Rule 11F, to provide the mechanism by which members are listed as sponsors or cosponsors of legislation, and to revise the manner by which Standing Committees are established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Rules of Cuyahoga County Council, approved by Council in Motion No. M2011-0007, as amended on May 8, 2012 by Motion No. M2012-0004, are hereby amended in part to read as follows (additions are bolded and underlined; deletions are stricken out):

Rule 7G: Sponsorship

Council member(s) and/or the Executive introducing legislation for consideration by Council shall be listed as sponsors of the legislation. At any point prior to final passage of legislation in Council, any sponsor may withdraw his/her name as a sponsor by notifying the Clerk.

At any point **after the initial introduction of legislation for consideration by Council** and prior to **the** final passage of legislation in Council, any Member may add or withdraw his/her name as a **cosponsor** by notifying the Clerk.

Rule 11F: Expiration of Pending Legislation

(1) Prior to the end of each year in which a General Election for Members of Council takes place, the Council shall consider a Motion of Council, providing that legislation introduced prior to July 1 of that year and not adopted shall expire. At least two weeks prior to the consideration of that Motion of Council, the Clerk shall provide each Member a list of legislation sponsored by that Member that is set to expire. The Council may adopt this Motion of Council so as to decide which items of legislation set to expire shall expire.

(2) In addition, legislation may be withdrawn at any time by letter to the Clerk from all of the **initial** sponsors ~~and cosponsors~~ of the legislation, requesting that it be withdrawn. The letter may be sent by electronic mail. At each meeting of Council, the Clerk shall announce any legislation that has been withdrawn by letter, and the items withdrawn shall be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

Rule 12G: Standing Committees - The following standing committees are established for the Council:

1. Health, Human Services & Aging
2. Public Safety **& Justice Affairs**
- ~~3. Justice Affairs~~
- 3.** 4. Economic Development & Planning
- ~~4.~~ **5.** 5. Finance & Budgeting
- ~~5.~~ **6.** 6. Public Works, Procurement & Contracting
- ~~7. Intergovernmental Relations & Collaboration~~
- ~~6.~~ **8.** 8. Human Resources, Appointments & Equity
- ~~7.~~ **9.** 9. **Education**, Environment & Sustainability
- ~~8.~~ **10.** 10. Rules, Charter Review, Ethics and Council Operations **& Intergovernmental Relations**

SECTION 2. Effective Date. Provided that this Motion receives the affirmative vote of at least eight (8) of the members of Council, it shall take effect immediately upon adoption by Council. It is hereby determined to be necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that the County Council continue to have operating rules in place without interruption, and so that the usual and daily operations of county government may continue to function.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council and Council committees relating to the adoption of this motion occurred in open meetings and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including those of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Motion was duly approved.

Yeas: Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana and Connally

Nays: Simon

County Council President Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 13, 2012
Committee(s) Assigned: Rules, Charter Review, Ethics & Council Operations

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