

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-5 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Subsection 2-5-24(E) (*Thursday Council Meeting*) of the City Code is amended to read:

- (E) A councilmember may request that a non-zoning ~~[an]~~ agenda item or hearing be set at a time certain ~~[,]~~ if the councilmember receives the approval of one ~~[two]~~ additional councilmember, or that a zoning agenda item or hearing be set at a time certain later than the posted time certain ~~[councilmembers]~~.

PART 2. Subsection 2-5-25(B) (*Consent Agenda*) of the City Code is amended to read:

- (B) The council should not adopt by consent an item:
- (1) subject to a public hearing;
 - (2) posted on the agenda for consideration at a specific time;
 - (3) on which two ~~[five]~~ or more people have registered to testify, except as provided in Subsection (C);
 - (4) on which two or more councilmembers intend to register a negative vote; and
 - (5) that a councilmember requests be removed from the consent agenda.

PART 3. Subsection 2-5-27(D) (*Citizen Participation*) of the City Code is amended to read:

- (D) A person who intends to speak at a council meeting:
- (1) under Section 2-5-28 (*General Citizen Communication*) may register by telephone, E-mail ~~[electronic or facsimile transmission, mail,]~~ or in person; and
 - (2) under Section 2-5-29 (*Speaker Registration and Speaking Time*) must register in person.

PART 4. Section 2-5-28 (*General Citizen Communication*) of the City Code is amended to read:

§ 2-5-28 GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION.

- (A) At a Thursday council meeting, a maximum of 10 people may address the council during the general citizen communication portion of the meeting.
- (B) A person who intends to speak during the general citizen communication[
(1)-]must register between 9:00 a.m. on the 14th day before the council meeting at which the person intends to speak and 4:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the council meeting at which the person intends to speak. [; and
(2) ~~shall complete and provide a registration card to the city clerk's office on the form prescribed by the city clerk.~~]
- (C) The city clerk should not accept more than ten registrations [~~registration cards~~] under this section for general citizen communications at a council meeting. The city clerk may not accept a registration to speak at general citizen communication from a person more frequently than once out of every third regularly scheduled council meeting. [~~The clerk shall number the registration cards received under this section in the order in which the cards are received.~~]
- (D) A person may not register to speak at general citizen communication more often than once out of every third regularly scheduled council meeting. [~~A person who signs up to speak at general citizen communication and fails to appear to speak for two consecutive meetings is barred from registering to speak during general citizen communication for the next two council meetings.~~]

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2009.

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_____, 2009

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Mayor

APPROVED: _____
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ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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