

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 2-5-102 (MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES) AND 2-5-105 (COMMITTEE MEETINGS) RELATING TO SELECTION PROCESS AND MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

**PART 1.** Section 2-5-102 (*Membership of Council Committees*) is amended to read:

**§ 2-5-102 MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES.**

- (A) Council committee membership will be determined at the first council work session of each calendar year. Council members will select the council committees on which they will serve. If more than five council members desire to serve on any council committee, that and the committee's membership is not established in this Chapter of the Code, the council must approve the membership by adoption of a Resolution. committee shall be a council committee of the whole council, having 11 members. [Except as otherwise provided] With the exception of council committees that are committees of the whole council, each committee of the council [consists] shall consist of [four] at least three  
*three to five* three to five council members [appointed by the mayor in consultation with the council]. [(B)] For each Each council committee the mayor in consultation with the council shall designate a chair and a vice chair. Council may consider changes to council committee membership at any council work session.

~~[(C)]~~ (B) The term of a committee member is ~~[two]~~ one year[s] beginning on the date the ~~[committee appointments are ratified by the council]~~ mayor files the council committee selections with the city clerk.

~~[(D)]~~ The mayor's appointment of the membership of a committee, including the mayor's designation of a chair and vice chair, is not effective until it is ratified by the council as provided by this subsection.

~~(1) The council may only ratify the appointments of members, including the designations of officers, made to all of the council committees as a whole. The council may not individually ratify or object to:~~

- ~~(a) the appointment of an individual council member to a committee;~~
- ~~(b) the designation of an individual council member as a committee officer; or~~
- ~~(c) the membership of a particular committee.~~

~~(2) If a motion to ratify the mayor's appointment of the membership of all the council committees fails, the mayor must appoint a new set of members and officers for the committees and submit the new appointments to the council for ratification. The new set of members need not be completely different from the set that council did not ratify.]~~

~~[(E) If a vacancy occurs on a committee, the mayor shall appoint a council member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. An appointment under this subsection does not require council ratification.]~~

~~[(F)](C) [Each appointment under this section must be in writing and filed with the city clerk. If an appointment requires council ratification, council must ratify the appointment in a written resolution.]~~Immediately following the work session when council members select council committees on which to serve or when council members make changes to council committee membership, the mayor shall file a list of the membership of each council committee with the city clerk.

**PART 2.** Subsection (B) of Section 2-5-105 (*Committee Meetings*) is amended to read:

(B) ~~[Except as otherwise provided, three]~~A majority of the total number of members of a council committee [are] is a quorum. The favorable votes of a majority of the council committee quorum present at the meeting are required for a council committee to take action.

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on May 21, 2018.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

May 10, 2018

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Mayor

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