

Ordinance 0004-25 – Amended Public Comment Procedure

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

The Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Part 1: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-64(6)(b) is repealed and recreated as follows:

Sec. 2-64. – Order of business.

(b) Prior to the public comment period, the clerk shall read substantially the following language:

Public comment provides citizens an opportunity to share feedback with the common council. While common council members cannot engage in direct dialogue during this time, they are here to listen to your input. We encourage you to submit any detailed concerns in writing to the city clerk's office, where they can be properly documented and directed for response.

Part 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City of Racine Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 62.09(8)(c), the mayor shall have the veto power as to all acts of the common council, except such as to which it is expressly or by necessary implication otherwise provided. All such acts shall be submitted to the mayor by the clerk and shall be in force upon approval evidenced by the mayor's signature, or upon failing to approve or disapprove within 5 days, which fact shall be certified thereon by the clerk. If the mayor disapproves, the mayor's objections shall be filed with the clerk, who shall present them to the council at its next meeting. A two-thirds vote of all the members of the council shall then make the act effective notwithstanding the objections of the mayor.