

Ordinance 0004-24 – Actions on Communications

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Part 1: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, section 2-117(a), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, is repealed and recreated as follows:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, all communications shall be in writing, with the name of the mayor or of the alder presenting the same endorsed thereon, and shall be delivered to the clerk. The elected official presenting the communication shall recommend a standing committee to which to refer the communication. If the elected official does not include a committee recommendation, the clerk shall recommend a standing committee to which to refer the communication based upon the guidance provided in section 2-77 and elsewhere in this Code of Ordinances.

Part 2: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, section 2-117(b), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, is repealed and recreated as follows:

- (b) The clerk shall present all communications, which are received by the office of the city clerk no later than 12:00 noon on the Thursday prior to a common council meeting, to the next meeting of the common council for the common council's consideration and referral to a standing committee. The mayor or any alder may request the common council refer a communication to any standing committee. The common council may refer communications to any standing committee by the majority vote of all alders present. The chair of the committee to which a communication has been referred shall, thereafter, determine which communications shall be placed on the committee's agenda and shall so notify the clerk.

Part 3: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, section 2-117(f), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, is created as follows:

- (f) Notwithstanding anything else herein, any administrative manager may directly refer a written communication to a standing committee regarding an administrative matter or a time-sensitive matter. The administrative manager shall deliver the communication in writing to the clerk and shall inform the chair of the standing committee that the communication has been directly referred. An "administrative matter" is a matter that relates to the management or operation of the administrative manager's department. A "time-sensitive matter" is a matter that requires consideration within a short period of time to avoid loss of an opportunity for the city. The chair of a standing committee to which a communication has been directly referred by an administrative manager may decline to place such communication on the committee agenda and request the clerk present the communication to the common council at its next meeting for consideration and referral to a standing committee.

Part 4: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, section 2-128, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, is repealed and recreated as follows:

All committee reports shall be filed in the office of the city clerk not later than 12:00 noon on the Thursday prior to a meeting of the common council. Only communications and ordinances approved, disapproved, or received and filed by a standing committee shall be reported to the next meeting of the common council. Communications and ordinances that are deferred by a standing committee or referred to another committee of the common council shall not be reported to the common council.

Part 5: 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 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.