

Ordinance 0029-25 – Communications

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-117 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 5, Section 2-117(a) is amended as follows:

The sentence “Notwithstanding the foregoing, communications from administrative managers may be presented without endorsement by the mayor or an alder.” shall be inserted following the sentence.

The words “or administrative manager” shall be inserted following the words “elected official” and the words “, or other authority, board, or commission that has responsibility relevant to the communication,” shall be inserted following the words “standing committee” in the currently-existing second sentence.

The words “or administrative manager” shall be inserted following the words “elected official” and the words “, authority, board, or commission, recommendation,” shall be inserted following the words “include a committee” in the last sentence.

Part 2: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-117(b) is amended as follows:

The words “The clerk shall present all communications, which” are deleted and replaced with the words “All communications that”, the word “to” following “common council meeting” is deleted and replaced by the words “shall be included on the agenda of”, and the words “, authority, board, or commission” shall be inserted following the words “standing committee” in the first sentence.

The words “, authority, board, or commission” shall be inserted following the words “standing committee” in the second sentence.

The words “, authority, board, or commission” shall be inserted following the words “standing committee” in the third sentence.

Part 3: A new Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-117(c) is created as follows:

(c) No communication placed on an agenda of any standing committee, authority, board, or commission may be deferred for more than 90 days. Any deferred communication that has not been affirmatively recalled by the standing committee, authority, board, or commission, shall be placed on the agenda of the regular meeting of the standing committee, authority, board, or commission immediately preceding the expiration of 90 days from the date of deferral.

Part 4: The existing Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-117(c) is redesignated subsection 2-117(d) and amended as follows:

The words “, authority, board, or commission” are inserted following the word “committee” the first three times the word “committee” appears in newly-designated subsection 2-117(d).

The word “ten” is deleted and the words “a majority” are substituted therefore, the word “relevant” is inserted immediately prior to the word “standing”, and the words “, authority, board, or commission” are inserted following the word “committee” in newly-redesignated subsection 2-117(d)(2).

Part 5: Existing Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-117(d) is repealed in its entirety.

Part 6: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-117(e) is amended as follows:

The sentence “No later than January 15 of each year, the clerk shall notify the common council of all communications received by the clerk by December 31 of the previous that had not yet been acted upon by the common council.” is added as a second sentence.

Part 7: 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.