

***** Amendment Form *****

Ordinance #: 2024-13
Amendment #: Am 01
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Proposed Amendment:

1. Ordinance 2024-13 shall be amended by inserting the three “Whereas” clauses shown below after the second Whereas clause:

WHEREAS, the normal order of business at regular sessions, which can be amended by majority vote, provides that legislation for first readings is to occur after legislation for second readings and resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Bloomington Municipal Code 2.04.420 provides that legislation may not be introduced for council action after 10:30 p.m. without a two-thirds vote of the members, and that a motion to adjourn accompanied by a second made after 11:59 p.m. has the effect of ending the meeting, both of which could preclude legislation for first readings from being introduced when items for second readings and resolutions extend beyond 10:30 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. respectively; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the current order of business in conjunction with evoking the 10:30 p.m. or midnight rules is to create the possibility of a delay to the introduction of items for first reading, and to account for this possibility, the normal order of business at regular sessions should instead provide for first readings before second readings and resolutions; and

2. Ordinance 2024-13 shall be amended by inserting a new Section 2 and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly. The new Section 2 shall read as follows:

SECTION 2. Section 2.04.380 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “Order of business at Regular Sessions” shall be amended by deleting the words “second readings and resolutions” in sub-part (6) and replacing them with the words “first readings” and by deleting the words “First readings” in sub-part (7) and replacing them with the words “Second readings and resolutions” such that first readings are to appear before second readings and resolutions in the default order of business as follows:

2.04.380 - Order of business at regular sessions.

The council shall transact its business in the following order, but it may by majority vote amend the normal order of business and time limits set forth below:

...

(6) Legislation for first readings;

(7) Second readings and resolutions;

...

3. The ordinance synopsis shall be amended by adding a sentence to the end of the paragraph, which shall read:

It also reorders the agenda items "Legislation for second readings and resolutions" and "First readings" so that first readings of legislation will occur before second readings and resolutions in the normal order of business.

Synopsis

This amendment inserts three additional Whereas clauses to explain the rationale for placing first readings of legislation before second readings and resolutions, and also adds a new Section 2 to effectuate that change in the Council's order of business.

06/05/24 Regular Session Action:

Pending