

Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, openness, transparency, and accountability are some of the important policies reflected through “Sec. 2-11. - Database of City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions (“COWBAC”)” that reads as follows:

“(a) The mayor or his designee shall compile and maintain a computerized database of all city boards, commissions, task forces, committees, and similar entities, herein collectively referred to as the “City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions” (“COWBAC”). On or before January 1, 1998, the mayor or his designee shall provide a copy of such information to the president and each member of city council. The database items included shall be those used in the Delaware Governor’s Database maintained in Dover. The COWBAC shall be updated not less than quarterly and copies of each update shall be provided to the president and each member of city council.

(b) Not later than the day of each city council meeting, the mayor, or his designee, shall file with the city clerk and provide to the president and each member of city council, written correspondence identifying any changes by way of resignation, removal from office, appointment, or creation of new organizations, that have occurred since the date of the last city council meeting as to any changes in membership of any of the organizations that are required to be listed in the COWBAC. The city clerk shall immediately notify the mayor, or his designee, of any changes occasioned by action of the city council regarding any organization required to be listed in the COWBAC. (Ord. No. 97-104, § 1, 12-18-97)”; and

WHEREAS, the 107th Session of Wilmington City Council has not received quarterly nor bimonthly updates from the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of Wilmington City Council to allow such actions to continue; and

WHEREAS, including receipt of quarterly and bimonthly COWBAC Reports on the Agenda will ensure accurate information regarding the composition of City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions will be available to the public and media; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to amend its Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Rule 2-ORDER OF BUSINESS of the Rules of the Council of the City of Wilmington, as adopted January 3, 2017 by Resolution 17-001 (subsequently amended), the phrase “F) Committee Reports: Reports from standing committees shall be signed by a majority of committee members, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote. The reading of the minutes shall include a statement as to committee members that were present, absent with leave and absent without leave. Non committee members present need not be mentioned.” be amended by deleting said phrase and inserting the following phrase in its place, “F) Committee Reports: Reports from standing committees shall be signed by a majority of committee members, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote. The reading of the minutes shall include a statement as to committee members that were present, absent with leave and absent without leave. Non committee members present need not be mentioned. City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions (“COWBAC”) Quarterly Reports and Bimonthly Reports from the Mayor, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote.”

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution amends City Council Rule 2 (F) to include the following provision: “City of Wilmington Boards and Commission (“COWBAC”) Quarterly Reports and Bimonthly Reports from the Mayor shall be read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote.”