

Wilmington, Delaware  
February 18, 2021

**#0020**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Darby**

**WHEREAS**, many municipal legislative bodies across the Country operate under a committee system that includes a standing Judiciary committee. While the functions of these committees may differ in detail, judiciary committees of municipal legislative bodies are generally responsible for providing government oversight - making inquiries concerning the administration of existing laws for the purpose of considering and recommending legislative action - to improve the efficiency and integrity of, and increase accountability and transparency in, all branches of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the functions of the Judiciary committee of the Wilmington City Council included considering and making recommendations on intergovernmental issues, confirmation of judicial and executive positions, revising and improving the City Charter and City Code, and considering legal issues or matters which impact the City of Wilmington; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council has determined that it is in the best interest of this legislative body, the City of Wilmington, and the State of Delaware to revive the Judiciary committee as a standing committee of Council. This shall be accomplished by expanding the name and function of the Intergovernmental committee to the Intergovernmental Affairs and Judiciary committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that Rule 10 of the City Council Rules is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows.

**RULE 10 - COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

The Council by Resolution shall appoint the Chair, Vice Chair as needed, and members of all Council Committees, whether standing, ad-hoc, special or otherwise. The President shall be an ex-officio member, with vote, on each committee.

The following shall be the standing committees of Council:

Finance & Economic Development  
Public Safety  
Education, Youth & Family Services  
Intergovernmental Affairs & Judiciary

Public Works & Transportation  
Health, Aging & Disabilities  
Community Development & Urban Planning  
Personnel

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution converts the Intergovernmental standing committee to the Intergovernmental Affairs and Judiciary standing committee.

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