

Wilmington, Delaware
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Council
Member
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WHEREAS, the 109th Session of Wilmington City Council believes openness, transparency, and accountability are fundamental in carrying out its duty to the citizens of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, Council believes the public should be afforded every opportunity to give public comment regardless of whether they attend in person; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to amend City Council Rules 2 and 11 to ensure those unable to attend in person have ample notice to sign up to give public comment virtually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Rule 2 of the City Council Rules is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

RULE 2 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

I) Public Comment: ~~Public comment shall be available only to City of Wilmington residents or taxpayers. Any person desiring to exercise this privilege~~ give public comment shall register to speak by 6:45 p.m. The Meeting Agenda shall contain a sign-up link for those who wish to give public comment virtually. The President may place additional reasonable limitations on public comment to permit Council to conduct its meetings and to maintain order, including limiting repetitious comments. Each member of the public is limited to a total of three (3) minutes of public comment per meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Rule 11 of the City Council Rules is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

RULE 11 - COMMITTEE RULES AND POWERS

Each committee shall make public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any meeting to be conducted by the committee on any measure or matter at least seven days before the commencement of that meeting to comply with FOIA. The public announcement shall include a sign-up link for those wishing to give public comment virtually. Further, draft legislation, presentations, reports, and updates to be considered at each Committee meeting shall be in draft form or approved as to form by the Law Department at the time of the agenda's posting.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution amends City Council Rule 2 to remove the residency/taxpayer requirement to give public comment. It also amends City Council Rules 2 and 11 to explicitly require the posted Agenda to include a sign-up link for those interested in giving public comment virtually.