

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 2025 @ 6:30 PM – *REVISED AGENDA RESULTS
Virtual Meeting with Anchor Location In-Person and Remote Participation
Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com or www.WITN22.org

I. Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

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| All Council | Recognize Black Restaurant Week 2025 |
| All Council | Recognize "Fifth and Final Salute to Legendary Riverside Mothers" |
| Cabrera | Recognize Yonathan Galindo |
| Cabrera | Recognize Hispanic Heritage Month 2025 (Ana Figueras) |
| Congo | Recognize 14 th Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference |
| Darby | Recognize Innocence Project Delaware (International Wrongful Conviction Day 2025) |
| Harlee | Recognize Kelly Lacy (32 Years at Neighborhood House) |

b. Sympathy Resolutions

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| All Council | Sympathy Robyn Merle Unthank |
| All Council | Sympathy Derwin Coleman |
| Cabrera | Sympathy Ana Maria Hernandez |
| Oliver | Sympathy Abbie E. Gosa |
| Oliver | Sympathy Charles Ellis Harris |
| Oliver | Sympathy Evangelist Adrienne Sharlene Medford |
| Oliver | Sympathy Charles L. Bryant Sr. |
| Owens | Sympathy Theodore Samuel Brown |
| Owens | Sympathy Marjorie Teresa Purvey |

VI. Public Comment

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website <https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment100225> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President of City Council will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website. If there are any issues with accessing the sign up form, please contact: wilmcc109@gmail.com.

Note: Per Council Rules (CC Rule 2), the public shall register to speak by 6:45.

VII. Legislative Business

Note: To view the full legislation, click on the hyperlinked agenda number.

CABRERA

#0102 Ord. 25-048 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 48 of the City Code to Permit Commercial Recreation and Public Assembly as Matter-Of-Right Uses in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zoning District (**3rd & Final Reading**) **Public Hearing**

HELD

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 48 of the City Code to define and permit "commercial recreation" and "public assembly" as matter-of-right uses in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zoning district and establish parking requirements for such uses.*

OWENS

#0113 An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Foreclosures due to Property Tax Increases as Long as the Owner is on a Payment Plan (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Ord. 25-054
Finance &
Economic
Development

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial foreclosures for properties whose FY '26 tax bill increased by more than 25% compared to FY '25 due to the recent reassessment by Tyler Technologies. This will sunset September 30, 2026.*

#0114 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Prohibit the Parking of Tow Trucks on City Streets (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Ord. 25-055
Public Safety

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In order to preserve the limited number of parking spaces available on City streets, this Ordinance amends Chapter 37 of the City Code to establish parking restrictions for tow trucks that are identical to the restrictions for tractor trailers, trailer coaches, semi-trailers, boats, and school buses. Specifically, this Ordinance prohibits the parking of tow trucks on City streets outside of a period of loading and unloading, or in the absence of a street storage permit. The Ordinance also calls for the addition of signage to provide clear notice to owners and/or operators of tow trucks of the prohibition on parking of tow trucks on City streets.*

#0071 Ord. 25-033 An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 8 of the City Code to Create an Education Workforce Down Payment and Settlement Assistance Program (**3rd & Final Reading**)

PASSED
As Amended

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This ordinance creates a municipal loan program, to be administered by the Department of Real Estate and Housing, to provide eligible education employees who wish to be first-time homebuyers with loans of up to \$15,000 to assist with down payment or settlement costs related to the purchase of a primary residence in the City of Wilmington.*

DARBY

#0115 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 42 of the City Code Regarding the Paving of Privately Controlled Nondedicated Alleys **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 25-056
Public Works &
Transportation*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 42-10 of the City Code by establishing a program whereby qualified abutting property owners in low-income neighborhoods can apply to the Department of Public Works to fund the costs of paving privately controlled, nondedicated alleys.*

#0116 A Resolution to Amend Council Rule 3 to Require In-Person Attendance for Votes to Count with Limited Virtual Exemptions

*Res. 25-054
Defeated*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution amends City Council Rule 3 to require in-person attendance and voting.*

#0068 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Codify the
Ord. 25-027 Ability to Schedule a Referendum to Amend the City's Charter **(3rd & Final Reading)**

*DEFEATED
As Amended*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance codifies the City's ability to initiate Charter amendments either through City Council action or by voter petition for a Charter Commission, and establishes clear procedures for elections, public education, and referendum scheduling.*

HARLEE

#0117 An Ordinance Constituting Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009) **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 25-057
Finance &
Economic
Development*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget, which was originally enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009. This Ordinance authorizes a \$500,000 appropriation to enable the City to evaluate Tyler Technologies' mass appraisal reassessment model utilized for the recent real property reassessment conducted by New Castle County and to provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners in filing appeals with the New Castle County Board of Assessment Review.*

MCCOY

#0118 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code to Exempt from the City's Earned Income Tax the Wages and Compensation Paid by the United States to any Person for Active Service in the Uniformed Services of the United States **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 25-058
Finance &
Economic
Development*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 44-106 of the City Code to exclude the wages and compensation earned by persons from active service in the uniformed services of the United States from the definition of "salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation" for purposes of the City's earned income tax, rather than limiting the exemption to those in active service in the "armed forces."*

- #0119 An Ordinance to Approve the Anchorage Overlook Major Subdivision Plan and Authorize the City to Remove a Segment of Anchorage Street from the Official City Map, Improve a Segment of Anchorage Street and Name it Anchorage Street Extended, Create a New Street Named Levi Lane, and Accept the Dedication of Anchorage Street Extended and Levi Lane as Public Rights-of-Way And Add Them to the Official City Map **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

**Ord. 25-059
Community
Development &
Urban
Planning**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance approves the "Anchorage Overlook" major subdivision plan and authorizes the City to (i) remove a portion of Anchorage Street from the Official City Map, (ii) improve a portion of Anchorage Street and name it Anchorage Street Extended, (iii) create a new street called Levi Lane, and (iv) accept the dedication of Anchorage Street Extended and Levi Lane as public rights-of-way and add them to the Official City Map.*

- #0044 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of Code to Allow Residential
Ord. 25-018 Tenants in City Properties to Deposit Withheld Rent in a City-Held
Escrow Account **(3rd & Final Reading)**

**PASSED
As Amended
*Mayor
VETOED
10/17/2025**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code to establish a voluntary escrow program for tenants living in City properties.*

- #0088 Ord. 25-044 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Require
Landlords Provide Written Notice of Tenants' Rights in Lease
(3rd & Final Reading)

**PASSED
As Amended**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code to require City landlords to include tenants' rights in their leases.*

JOHNSON

- #0120 A Resolution to Amend Council Rule 9 to Require Ordinances to be Voted
Out of Committee

HELD

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution amends City Council Rule 9 to require Ordinances to be voted out of Committee prior to being heard before a full council for a 3rd and Final vote.*

- #0121 A Resolution to Amend Council Rule 10-2 to Require Committee of the
Whole Meetings on a Quarterly Basis

HELD

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution amends City Council Rule 10-2 to require Committee of the Whole Meetings on a Quarterly Basis, rather than regularly.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications

IX. Adjournment

Note: This meeting will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

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