

Wilmington, Delaware  
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**WHEREAS**, the 109<sup>th</sup> 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**, to be informed, the public should be aware of the matters to be discussed in Committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the foregoing, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to amend City Council Rule 11 to ensure the public has access to draft legislation, reports, updates, and presentations for Committee Meetings.

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

**RULE 11 - COMMITTEE RULES AND POWERS**

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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. 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. Please note that drafted agendas, links, presentations, and scheduled proceedings may be suspended or adjusted without prior notice in the event of a emergency, including, but not limited to, public safety threats, severe weather, infrastructure or technical failures, public health concerns, civil unrest, or urgent citywide crises. City Council reserves the right to reschedule or modify meeting formats as needed to ensure safety and responsiveness. A link to draft

legislation, presentations, reports, and updates, shall be included in Committee agendas.

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Passed by City Council,

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

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution amends City Council Rule 11 to require draft legislation, presentations, reports, and updates be available for public viewing before Committee meetings. It also provides emergency contingency procedures.