

Amended 5/48

ORDINANCE NO. 2722

AN ORDINANCE ON COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PRESCRIBING RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: REGULAR MEETINGS:

A regular meeting of the council shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, commencing at the hour of 7:15 P.M.

Section 2: MEETING PLACE:

All meetings shall be held in the City Hall. The council may, after calling the meeting to order, adjourn to such other place upon majority vote of the council.

Section 3: ATTENDANCE:

If a quorum is not present, at a regular meeting or at any special meeting called pursuant to the requirements of Section 14 of the Charter, those members present may adjourn to a later time or may direct the Chief of Police to immediately inform the absent members, except those known to be unavoidably detained, that their presence is required to enable the council to proceed with the business at hand.

Section 4: RESOLUTIONS:

All resolutions shall be in writing and numbered consecutively in order in which they are introduced. A resolution may be adopted by majority vote of the Councilmen present. All resolutions shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the Recorder. A resolution shall receive only one reading before being put to adoption.

Section 5: PROCEDURE:

All cases not specifically provided for herein or in the charter shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 6: VOTING:

Unless a member of the council states that he is not voting, his silence shall be recorded as an affirmative vote. If a member of the council states that he is not voting, his vote is not considered, either for or against the proposition.

(Note: Section 20 of the Charter requires the concurrence of four members of the council to decide any question.)

Section 7: DECORUM:

The Chief of Police, or such member of the Police Department as he shall designate, shall be Sergeant-at-Arms of the council. He shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum.

Section 8: REPEAL:

Ordinance No. 2463, and all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9: EFFECTIVE DATE:

Section 40 of the charter provides that, in an emergency, an ordinance may take effect immediately. By reason of the adoption of the charter by the people of the City of Albany at an election on November 6, 1956, and the provision in the said charter that the council shall adopt rules for the government of its members and proceedings, and the said charter further providing that the effective date of the charter shall be January 1, 1957, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be effective January 1, 1957, upon its passage by the council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Council: December 26, 1956

T. J. [Signature]  
Recorder

Approved by the Mayor: December 26, 1956

[Signature]  
Mayor

Effective Date: January 1, 1957