

RESOLUTION NO. 5771

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING NONELECTED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS GUEST COUNCILORS WHEN AN ELECTED COUNCILOR IS ABSENT

WHEREAS, six individuals serve nearly 48,000 Albany residents as elected members of the Albany City Council; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Council must occasionally miss scheduled meetings due to illness, vacations, or other reasons; and

WHEREAS, the residents of each City Council ward deserve to be represented and have a voice at Council work sessions and regular meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that members of the City Council may designate another resident of their ward as a "guest Councilor" to fill their seat at a work session or regular meeting in the event of his or her absence; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a person designated as a Guest Councilor:

- Must be an elector and a resident of the ward of the Councilor whose seat is being filled;
- Can serve as Guest Councilor only once each year;
- May not make or second any motion or vote on any matter coming before the Council;
- May not attend Executive Sessions of the Council;
- May not participate in quasi-judicial land use proceedings; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- City employees and their spouses and members of their immediate families may not serve as Guest Councilors.
- A Councilor shall make such designation by giving notice of the name and address of the designee to the Presiding Officer and the City Manager.
- If approved by consensus of the Council, the designee shall serve at the next Council work session or regular meeting when the designating Councilor is absent.
- Upon designation, the City Manager shall have the agenda packet delivered to the person for the Council work session or meeting at which the person will serve.
- At any meeting where a Guest Councilor is filling the seat of a Councilor, the Chair shall, at the beginning of the meeting, introduce the person to the other Councilors and to the public.
- No more than two Guest Councilors may attend any one meeting of the Council.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY 2009.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk