

BILL NO. 7-2014
AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTION 5-204 MEETINGS TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION.

Whereas the Council of the City of Reading hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Amending § 5-204 C Special Meetings, D. Emergency Meetings and G. regarding postponement of meetings of the Administrative Code as follows:

§5-204. Meetings.

C. Special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Council or upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Council. A written notice shall be ~~mailed or~~ delivered *by electronic communications* to each Council member at least 24 hours before a special meeting is held. Such notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. No other business shall be considered at such meeting by the Council. Special meetings may also be called by citizens' petition as referenced in the Charter, § 1112.

D. Emergency meetings. The Mayor may call an ~~special~~ *emergency* meeting of Council for the purpose of taking action on an emergency by contacting the President or Vice President of Council *who shall then notify the remaining members of Council about the purpose of the meeting and the time and location of the meeting.* ~~and further.~~ No action shall be taken at the emergency meeting ~~provided~~ *unless* a quorum of Council is present ~~of Council~~ as provided in the Charter. In the event five Council members determine that the emergency meeting is *unnecessary* ~~called by the Mayor,~~ the meeting shall not be held ~~and/or shall be adjourned without any action.~~

E. Executive sessions. The Council may hold executive sessions as permitted by law. No official action shall be taken by the Council on any matter in executive session as provided for by the Sunshine Act, 1998, P.L. 729, No. 93 (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 701 et seq.), as amended.⁴

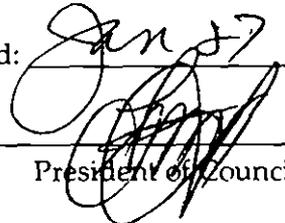
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G. In the event a regular or special meeting needs to be postponed because of a weather emergency or similar circumstances, the Council President may determine the date and time of the postponed meeting. Reasonable efforts to fulfill the notice requirements (see

Subsections A and C above) shall be made, but broadcast announcements and telephone calls to members, along with posting on the door of Council Chambers the day of the meeting, shall be deemed to meet minimum requirements.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Sections 219 & 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

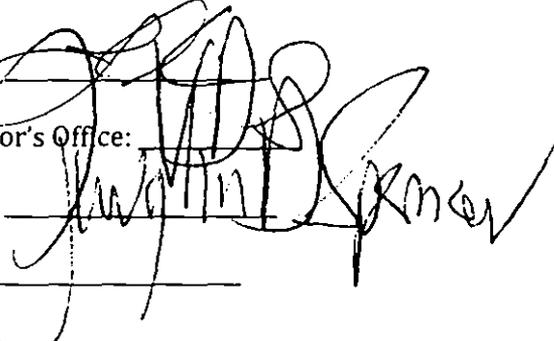
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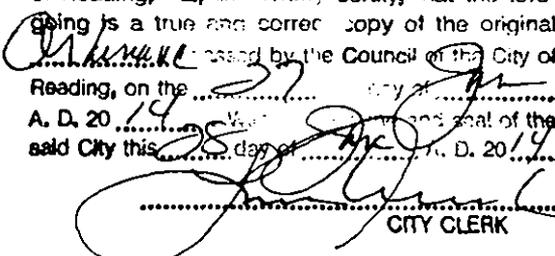
President of Council

Attest:



City Clerk
(Council Staff)

Submitted to Mayor: _____
Date: 1-28-14
Received by the Mayor's Office: _____
Date: 1-28-14
Approved by Mayor: 
Date: 1-28-14
Vetoed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original _____ passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 27 day of Jan, A. D. 20 14. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 28 day of Jan, A. D. 20 14.


CITY CLERK