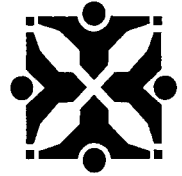


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Agenda Item Number: B 203-14

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 7, 2014

Re: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code Relating to Notification of Special Council Meetings

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: None

Executive Summary

This Code amendment removes the historical reference to service of special meeting notices upon council members by a police officer.

Discussion

Section 2-22 of the City Code has been in effect since prior to 1952 and provided a means by which notice of special meetings was provided to the city council. The original intent of such notice provision was to ensure meetings of a majority of the governing body were not held to the exclusion of some members. Individual council members waive the service notice by a police officer by consenting to other forms of notice and currently use email to provide such notice. With the advent of the Sunshine Law and modern methods of communication, the City Code needs to be amended to remove the reference to service by a police officer.

Since the practice of the City has been to provide notice of meetings to the City Council via email, it is recommended the City Code be amended to reflect current practice. The amendment specifically authorizes email delivery and requires notice be further provided as set forth in Sec. 2-25 (which is the Sunshine Law public notice and posting requirement).

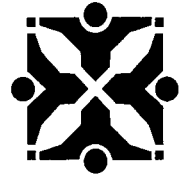
Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

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Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Governance and Decision Making

Strategic Plan Impact: Not Applicable


Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance.

Legislative History

Not applicable.



Department Approved



City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

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AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to notification to city council members of special council meetings; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 2-22. Meeting times; calling special meetings.

Regular meetings of the city council shall be held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, and adjourned meetings whenever the council may deem necessary. A regular meeting shall not be held on a city holiday listed in chapter 19 but shall be held on the day following the holiday. A majority of the council may cancel or change the date of a regular meeting; provided, that the council shall meet not less than once each month. The mayor, the city manager or any two (2) council members may call a special meeting of the council at any time. Notice of any such meeting may be provided to each council member by electronic mail and shall conform to the requirements of section 2-25, ~~by causing a police officer to serve a notice upon the members of the council of the time fixed for such special meeting, or by leaving a copy of such notice at the usual place of residence or business of such council members with some member of his family above the age of fifteen (15) years, or with the clerk, agent or representative of his business.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor