

## Code Change Fact Sheet

This fact sheet must be attached to any ordinance in Legistar that is proposing to amend Columbus City Codes. It should also be circulated among Councilmember offices prior to submitting an ordinance in Legistar.

It is also a standard practice that Council will not consider any code changes that have not been previously reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office. Drafters should ensure that the City Attorney's office has approved a final version of a proposed code change prior to circulating this fact sheet to Councilmember offices.

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### Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

Title 1 – Administrative Code

**What is the overall purpose of this code change? Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.**

Currently, Council takes a summer recess from regular meetings and hearings during the month of August, the month designated in the Columbus City Codes, Section 111.01. This year, and possibly going forward, Council would like to pilot a summer recess month in July. An amendment to Section 111.01 would be necessary to allow Council the flexibility to take the summer recess in a month other than August.

**Why is this code change needed? Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.**



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This amendment will offer several advantages to both Council internally and the public at large. It will avoid recurrent issues with processing legislation that arise when staff around the City are themselves inevitably on leave in early to mid-summer for personal and professional reasons, and provide a cleaner financial and accounting break by entering recess immediately following the end of the second fiscal quarter. This will serve residents, as legislation that provides resources for City programming and infrastructure can be executed in a more timely and efficient manner.

**What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?**

Council would continue to have a mandated August recess, losing out on the potential advantages of additional flexibility to Councilmembers and staff, city staff, and residents-at-large.

**Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?**

*These may be direct or indirect, and please also note any long-term impact.*

n/a

**Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?**

The potential change has been discussed for over a year internally with Councilmembers and staff; and socialized with members of the administration and other City offices.

**Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?**

It will take effect with passage of the ordinance at earliest period allowed by law.



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