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To amend Sections 111.04 and 111.14 of the Columbus City Codes relating to the Standing Committees of Council, to repeal existing Sections 111.04 and 111.14; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Columbus City Codes as it relates to the Standing Committees of the Columbus City Council; and

WHEREAS, all other aspects of Section 111.04 of the Columbus City Codes will remain the same; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Council in that it is immediately necessary to amend Columbus City Codes, 1959, as it relates to Standing Committees of Columbus City Council to ensure the orderly operation of that body and for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That Section 111.04 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

111.04 Standing Committees.

All Standing Committees and the Chairperson thereof shall be appointed by the President of City Council unless the motion creating the Committee provides for a different method of appointment.

Standing Committees shall be as follows and each shall be composed of ~~the number of~~ all members ~~herein designated~~:

Finance & Governance Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Administration Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Health &, Human Services, and Equity Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Workforce Development, Education, & Labor Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Housing, Homelessness, & Building Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Public Service & Transportation Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Neighborhoods, Recreation, & Parks Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Rules & Reference Policy Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Technology Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Public Utilities & Sustainability Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Education Committee, ~~four (4) members~~
Environment Committee, ~~four (4) members~~

Neighborhoods & Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Affairs Committee, four (4) members
Veterans, Senior, & Disability Affairs Committee, four (4) members
Economic Development & Small **and Minority** Business Committee, four (4) members
~~Small & Minority Business Committee, four (4) members~~
Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committee, four (4) members
Building & Zoning Policy Committee, four (4) members
Zoning Committee, all members

Committees shall meet at times fixed by the President of City Council or the Chairperson of the Committee.

All appointments and removals made by the Mayor which are subject to the confirmation or approval by the City Council shall be referred to the Rules & ~~Reference~~ Policy Committee.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall assign ordinances previously referred to committees, and those ordinances having been heard for a first time, and that have not been subject to subsequent action by City Council to the following committees:

Prior Committee	New Committee
Administration Committee	Workforce, Education, & Labor Committee
Building and Zoning Policy Committee	Housing, Homelessness, & Building Committee
Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committee	Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee
Economic Development Committee	Economic Development & Small and Minority Business Committee
Education Committee	Workforce, Education, & Labor Committee
Environment Committee	Public Utilities & Sustainability Committee
Finance Committee	Finance & Governance Committee
Health & Human Services Committee	Health, Human Services, and Equity Committee
Housing Committee	Housing, Homelessness, & Building Committee
Neighborhoods and Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Affairs	Neighborhoods, Recreation, and Parks Committee
Public Safety Committee	Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee
Public Service & Transportation Committee	Public Service & Transportation Committee
Public Utilities Committee	Public Utilities & Sustainability Committee
Recreation & Parks Committee	Neighborhoods, Recreation, and Parks Committee
Rules and Reference Committee	Rules & Policy Committee
Small & Minority Business Committee	Economic Development & Small and Minority Business Committee
Technology Committee	Finance & Governance Committee
Veterans, Senior, & Disability Affairs Committee	Health, Human Services, and Equity Committee
Workforce Development Committee	Workforce, Education, & Labor Committee
Zoning	Zoning Committee

SECTION 3. That existing Section 111.04 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That Section 111.14 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby amended to read as follows:

111.14 - Ordinances and resolutions.

The city clerk is authorized and directed to make, modify, change and promulgate such rules as in the city clerk's discretion are deemed necessary for the orderly and efficient submission of all ordinances and resolutions to be acted upon by Columbus city council.

After review by the city clerk's office as to proper format, clerical errors, certification, etc., said ordinances and resolutions shall be ~~submitted to the rules and reference committee~~ assigned by the city clerk to the proper committee no later than the Tuesday preceding the next city council meeting.

~~Upon receipt of such resolutions and/or ordinances from the city clerk, the rules and reference committee shall refer legislation to the appropriate standing committee; however, the rules and reference committee has the authority not to refer any or all such resolutions and/or ordinances to a standing committee. The legislation approved by the rules and reference committee shall be returned to the city clerk's office no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the next city council meeting.~~ The city clerk shall prepare an agenda listing the ordinances and resolutions so ~~delivered assigned in accordance with section~~

111.15.

No council member will be permitted to introduce an ordinance or resolution from the floor unless it is germane to the standing committee which they chair and same day action is necessary. No legislation to enter a contract shall be authorized by the council until the same has been submitted to the city attorney for approval as to form and legality. If the city attorney questions the legality of any proposed contract or portion thereof, the city attorney shall express that opinion thereon, in writing, to the council if same is submitted to council. All programs which award loans or grants of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) must submit legislation for approval to city council. After reference of any ordinance or resolution to a committee and the report thereof to the council, or any time before its passage, it may be recommitted, but after any ordinance has been read the second time and put upon its passage it shall not be recommitted for the purpose of amendment, except under instructions from the council, which instructions shall embody substantially the amendment or amendments proposed.

SECTION 5. That existing Section 111.14 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.