



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. _____
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An Ordinance creating and appointing a Special City Council Committee on Revisions to the City Code and making provisions related thereto.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970;

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare;

WHEREAS, the City Council constitutes the corporate authorities of the City of Aurora;

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered by law to pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities by the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the City Council has from time-to-time codified its ordinances into the Code of the City of Aurora (City Code);

WHEREAS, over time, changes in federal and State law or judicial rulings conflict with or have preempted or rendered provisions of the City Code unenforceable despite such provisions remaining part of the City Code;

WHEREAS, over time, informal procedural customs and practices have evolved that are not reflected in the City Code, and in some respects, conflict with other provisions of the City Code;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and appropriate to undertake a thorough and comprehensive review of the City Code;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that such a review, by its very nature, exceeds the jurisdictional scope of any single standing committee;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a special committee, comprised of at least one member of each of its standing committees, will appropriately represent the interests of each standing committee in the review; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a five-member committee will appropriately represent the interests of the Council at-large in the review.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, in the full exercise of its home rule authority conferred by Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, in addition to any and all powers conferred by the laws of the State, and notwithstanding any provision of the City Code to the contrary, as follows:

SECTION 1 There shall be and hereby is created a Special City Council Committee on Revisions to the City Code (Special Committee).

SECTION 2 The Special Committee shall consist of five members and shall include at least one member of each standing committee of the City Council who does not serve as a chairperson of a standing committee. Three members shall constitute quorum for all meetings of the Special Committee.

SECTION 3 The following members are appointed to the Special Committee:

- a) Alderman Tina Bohman,
- b) Alderman Edward Bugg,
- c) Alderman Bill Donnell,
- d) Alderman Carl Franco, and
- e) Alderman Judd Lofchie.

SECTION 4 Alderman Bill Donnell and Alderman Carl Franco are appointed co- chairmen of the Special Committee.

SECTION 5 The Mayor Pro Tem shall be a member ex-officio of the Special Committee.

SECTION 6 The Special Committee is charged with the following specific duties:

- a) To study, propose and consider revisions to related to the rules, procedures, and organization of the City Council and its committees and make recommendations thereupon;
- b) To study, propose and consider revisions to Division 2 of Article III pertaining to the ethical standards of City officers and employees and make recommendations thereupon;
- c) To study, propose and consider revisions to Chapter 29 of the City Code and make recommendations thereupon; and
- d) To study, propose, and consider any other changes, reorganization, or modernization of the City Code and make recommendations thereupon.

SECTION 7 All materials made available to members of the Special Committee in advance of its meetings shall be available to all members of the City Council on the same basis.

- SECTION 8 All matters proposing the amendment of any portion of the City Code introduced after October 21, 2018, shall be referred to the Special Committee without further action by the Mayor or the City Council.
- SECTION 9 The Special Committee may adopt its own rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or adopt the provisions of Section 2-125 of the City Code, in total or in part. It shall conduct all of its meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
- SECTION 10 The Special Committee shall report to the Committee of the Whole on matters referred to it pursuant to this Ordinance and make recommendations as to their adoption by the City Council. A majority of members present and voting on the question shall authorize reports of the Special Committee.
- SECTION 11 The Special Committee may meet as frequently as necessary, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, to accomplish its duties upon the call of one of its co-chairmen or any three members. The Special Committee shall not meet during the time any standing committee of the Council is regularly scheduled to meet.
- SECTION 12 All City staff shall fully cooperate with and assist the Special Committee in the performance of its duties as the Special Committee may request.
- SECTION 13 That the City Clerk shall cause notice of meetings of the Special Committee to be given in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act with respect to both the Special Committee and the City Council such that all members of the Council may attend its meetings and participate in its deliberations.
- SECTION 14 The Ordinance shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until the first meeting of the City Council following the qualification of aldermen after the April 2, 2019 Consolidated General Election.