

Mr. President:

I move to amend the 2019-2023 Metropolitan Council Rules of Procedure by amending Rule 8 as shown below:

8. Automatic deferral by committee action

Any ordinance or resolution that receives a committee recommendation of deferral for one meeting from any committee to which it is referred shall be automatically deferred without debate or discussion for one Council meeting; provided, however, that no ordinance or resolution shall be automatically deferred more than one time or more than one meeting pursuant to this paragraph.

Any ordinance or resolution that, over the objection of the primary sponsor, receives a committee recommendation of indefinite deferral from two-thirds (2/3) of the members ~~present and~~ voting of any committee to which it is referred, ~~over the objection of the sponsor~~, shall be automatically indefinitely deferred without debate or discussion at the regular Council meeting following the report of the assigned committee(s). Thereafter, the sponsor may submit a written request to the Clerk that the matter be reinstated onto the agenda for the next regular meeting for purposes of requesting override of the indefinite deferral. The matter shall appear on the agenda as the last item prior to adjournment. Debate of the requested override shall be limited to (a) the sponsor of the deferred legislation and (b) the chair(s) of the committee(s) requesting indefinite deferral, or a designee thereof. Each speaker shall be limited to four (4) minutes each. A majority of the Council members voting shall be required to override a committee recommendation of indefinite deferral. If such override is approved, the item shall be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Council. If such override is disapproved, the legislation shall be considered withdrawn and the Clerk will permanently remove the item from the Council agenda.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tom Cash
Member of Council