# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

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Proposed amendment to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

**12. ~~Honorary~~ Nonbinding resolution requirements and presentations**

12.1 ~~Memorializing and congratulatory resolutions, with copies to be sent to the appropriate party or parties, are proper resolutions to be considered and acted upon by the Clerk. All memorializing resolutions honoring individuals, groups, or organizations shall be referred to the Rules Committee for review and recommendation.~~

~~12.2~~ Each member shall be limited to filing no more than one nonbinding resolution~~, including an honorary resolution or resolution requesting information,~~ for each meeting of the Council. As used in these Rules of Procedure, "nonbinding resolution" does not include an honorary, memorializing, or congratulatory matter. Honorary, memorializing, or congratulatory matters may only be recognized by proclamation.

~~12.3 A member may make a motion on the floor to add all members voting in the affirmative on an honorary resolution be added as co-sponsors to the honorary resolution. If such motion is successful, a member may request the Clerk to remove their name as co-sponsor before the adjournment of the meeting.~~

~~12.4~~ 12.2 All presentations of ~~honorary resolutions and~~ proclamations shall be limited to five minutes each, and no more than two such presentations shall be allowed at any meeting of the Council. Further, each member shall be limited to presenting two ~~honorary resolutions or~~ proclamations per year as a primary sponsor. For purposes of this rule, one year shall be from September 1 to August 31 of the following calendar year. Members of Council wishing to make presentations of honorary resolutions and proclamations shall schedule the presentations with the Council Office. The Council Office shall schedule the presentations for each meeting on a first come, first served basis. The word "presenting" as used in this rule means to formally read or paraphrase the ~~honorary resolution or~~ proclamation and/or to present the honoree(s) with an official copy of the ~~resolution or~~ proclamation. Presentations shall take place during the period reserved for announcements and extraordinary matters.



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Analysis

This proposed rule amendment would amend Rule 12 of the Council Rules of Procedure, which provides rules regarding honorary resolutions and presentations. The proposed rule amendment would remove the authorization to file resolutions concerning honorary, memorializing, or congratulatory matters for Council consideration. Rather, honorary, memorializing, or congratulatory matters could only be recognized by proclamation. The Council could still file other nonbinding resolutions, such as requests of departments.



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