



## **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

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Council Meeting Date: February 22, 2021

Item No: 21-100

Responsible Dept: Legal

Action Requested: Ordinance

Map/Lot: N/A

### **Title, Ordinance**

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Amending Chapter 9, City Council, by Amending Procedures for Appointing Council Committees and Committee Chairs

### **Summary**

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This ordinance amendment would clarify that the Council Chair is responsible for appointing members of standing Council committees, and that other committees are appointed as indicated in their respective sections of the Code. The amendment would also allow the Chair to pick the members of the Personnel Committee from the Council membership.

### **Committee Action**

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Committee: Government Operations Committee

Meeting Date: February 1, 2021

Action:

For:

Against:

### **Staff Comments & Approvals**

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City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** First Reading and Referral



## CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE

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Date: February 22, 2021

Assigned to Councilor: Nichols

**ORDINANCE**, Amending Chapter 9, City Council, by Amending Procedures for Appointing Council Committees and Committee Chairs

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide for flexibility and adaptation to circumstances, it is appropriate for the Council Chair to be responsible for appointing members of Council committees;

**WHEREAS**, certain of the provisions in Chapter 9 of the Bangor City Code are outdated or do not reflect current practice;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR AS FOLLOWS, THAT**

Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Bangor is amended as follows:

**§ 9-1 Chair's powers and duties.**

The Chair of the City Council shall have the following powers:

- A. Call members to order. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall take the Chair at the time appointed for meeting, call the members to order and, if a quorum is present, proceed to business.
- B. Preserve order. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall preserve order, speak on points of order in preference to other members and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council on motion regularly seconded.
- C. Declare all votes. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall declare all votes, but if a vote is doubted, ~~he or she~~ the Chair shall make a return of the members voting for and against the question, without debate, and declare the result.
- D. Propound questions in order moved. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall propound all questions in the order in which they were moved, unless the subsequent motion shall be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums or fixing times the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.
- E. Appoint committees. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall appoint all committees, ~~unless on motion regularly seconded the Council may determine to select by ballot~~ except as otherwise indicated in this Code.
- F. Name member entitled to speak. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall name the member entitled to speak when more than one member addresses the Chair at the same time.

- G. Consider motions to adjourn. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall consider a motion to adjourn as always in order except on immediate repetition.
- H. Present petitions. ~~He or she~~ The Council Chair shall present all petitions and other papers addressed to the Council, or cause them to be presented, and they shall lie on the table and be taken up in the order in which they were presented, unless the Council shall otherwise direct.

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§ 9-8 Standing committees.

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- B. With the exception of the Personnel Committee, each committee shall consist of three to five members appointed by the Council Chair from the City Council membership. The Personnel Committee shall be composed of the Council Chair and ~~the chairs of each of the other standing committees~~ five other members appointed by the Council Chair from the City Council membership. Committee members shall be appointed as soon as possible after the annual election of the Council Chair. They shall serve terms of one year each and until their successors are appointed. The Council Chair shall also appoint one ~~or more~~ members member of each committee to serve as its Chair, with the Council Chair to serve as the Chair of the Personnel Committee. Each committee, with the exception of the Personnel Committee, shall meet at least once per month, unless the Chair of the committee deems a meeting unnecessary due to lack of business. ~~with the exception of the~~ The Personnel Committee which shall meet as required. A majority of the members appointed to a committee shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of any member of a committee, any member or members of the Council, including the Council Chair, may be designated by the Chair of the Committee to temporarily serve as a member of the committee. Each committee shall perform the following tasks and functions and such other tasks and functions as may be delegated to it by the City Council from time to time.

Additions are underlined, deletions ~~struck through~~.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

**COrd 21-100**

**Motion made and seconded for First Reading**

**Vote: 9 – 0**

**Councilors Voting Yes: Davitt, Dubay, Fournier, Hawes, Nichols, Okafor, Schaefer, Sprague, Tremble**

**Councilors Voting No: None**

**Passed**

  
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CITY CLERK

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 8, 2021**

**COrd 21-100**

**Motion made and seconded for Passage**

**Vote: 9 – 0**

**Councilors Voting Yes: Davitt, Dubay, Fournier, Hawes, Nichols, Okafor, Schaefer, Sprague, Tremble**

**Councilors Voting No: None**

**Passed**

  
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CITY CLERK