

§ 3-33 Introduction of Ordinance—First Reading.

(a) The “first reading” of an ordinance shall be its introduction, whereupon a Council member who sponsored the ordinance shall move to introduce the same into business and another Council member shall second that motion. Following the proper introduction of an ordinance into Council business, a sponsor of that ordinance or, in the absence of a sponsor, and if agreed by a majority of the Council members present at the meeting, any Council member shall, at his or her option, read the entire ordinance or provide a summary description of same. No vote shall be taken on any ordinance at its “first reading”, except on motions to amend the ordinance, unless otherwise permitted by Council rules.

(b) No ordinance or resolution may be introduced into Council business without a member of Council having agreed to sponsor the same and so indicating on the Council Agenda and on the ordinance or resolution. However, notwithstanding the above, if an officer required or permitted by Indiana law to submit an item, ordinance or resolution to the Council for its consideration does not obtain a Council sponsor for same, the Council shall accept the item, ordinance or resolution for its agenda and introduction in accordance with Indiana law.

(c) Subject to subsection (b) above, no ordinance or resolution may be introduced into business for its "first reading" at a Council meeting unless a named sponsor of same is present at the meeting and introduces said ordinance or resolution into business, except that a majority of the Council members present at the meeting may vote to permit a Council member who is not a sponsor of the ordinance or resolution to introduce the same at said meeting. ('91 Code, § 3-21) (Ord. D-362, § III G III J, 3-22-83; Ord. D-1476-00, 9-18-00; Ord. D-1558-02, § 2, 3- 4-02; Ord. D-1725-04, § 2, 10-18- 04; Ord. D-2515-20, 3-16-20)