

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-872

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2024

Type of Action: Council Rules amendment

Bill Summary: The ordinance amends Council Rule Chapter 2 – Committees – in Rule 2.211 – President as Ex-Officio Member – to provide that the Council Vice President may under certain circumstances serve as an ex-officio member of a standing, special or select committee in the same manner as the President, subject to several limitations: a) the Vice President shall serve as an ex-officio member only when the President is unable to attend the subject standing, special or select committee meeting(s) to exercise his authority as an ex-officio member pursuant to this Rule; b) the President shall provide authorization for the Vice President to serve as an ex-officio member in writing, addressed to the Chief of the Legislative Services Division, at least one hour prior to the published start time of any standing, special or select committee meeting(s) the Vice President will attend as an ex-officio member pursuant to this Rule; and c) the authority granted herein shall not be construed to suggest or imply the Vice President is acting as the President’s proxy when attending any standing, select or special committee meeting as an ex-officio member.

Background Information: The Council Rule currently provides that the President shall be an ex-officio member of each standing, special or select committee. He/she may attend any standing, special or select committee meeting to make a quorum, but his/her attendance shall not increase the quorum requirement. The President may vote on any question pending in a standing or special committee, but his/her participation shall not increase the minimum number of affirmative votes required to report any matter to the Council. Council Rule 4.605 prohibits proxy voting by one council member for another or by any person not a council member.

Policy Impact Area: Council President powers

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements