

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0319

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Carlucci

Date of Introduction: June 9, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: June 9, 2020

Type of Action: Amending Council Rules

Bill Summary: The bill amends Council Rule 1.103 (Method of Election of Officers), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), Council Rules. A new section has been added: (a) Annual declaration of leadership interest. The section, "Method of election of officers" is now under subsection (b). The new section reads as follows:

(a) Annual declaration of leadership interest.

Candidates for City Council offices to be filled by election pursuant to Council Rule 1.102 and 1.103 shall express their interest for Council consideration for President or Vice President for such election by filing his or her intent to be considered and any supporting material, no more than 2 pages, with the Office of the Council Secretary / Director no earlier than March 1 and no later than March 30. The Council may consider these Council Members for future leadership positions and hold noticed meetings to discuss qualifications.

Background Information: Nothing in the bill prevents the City Council from entertaining a suspension of the Council Rules pursuant to Rule 5.104 to accept new candidates for consideration. Suspension of the Council Rules requires 2/3 of all Council Members (13). The practice has long been for council members interested in offering themselves for leadership positions to begin holding noticed member-to-member meetings with other council members early in the calendar year before the May leadership election to promote their candidacy and to collect written pledges of support from other members.

Policy Impact Area: Council Rules; Council leadership

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact anticipated

Analyst: Baltiero