

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-137

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan

Date of Introduction: February 24, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, TEU, F, LUZ

Date of Analysis: February 24, 2026

Type of Action: Council Rules amendments

Bill Summary: This bill amends 2.202 (Attendance; Voting) and 2.210 (Rules in Committee), Part 2 (Committee Procedure), Chapter 2 (Committees), *Council Rules*.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that council members maintain a consistent and meaningful presence and participation in the City's legislative process. This bill is intended to address absences and attendance at council and committee meetings, and quorum requirements for standing committees. For absences, council members will submit a written request to the Chair for excusal, and only one council member may be excused per standing committee meeting – with some exception for medical emergencies and military service.

Three absences from standing committees, or three consecutive absences from a special or select committee without approval from the Chair during the council year will constitute automatic withdrawal from the committee.

A quorum of a standing committee shall be five members and a quorum of a special or select committee or subcommittee of any standing, special or select committee shall be a majority of its members.

For regular meetings of the council, the council president is limited to allowing no more than two excused absences with written excusal requests – with some exception for medical emergencies and military service. Any unexcused absences will be announced for the record at the beginning of each Council meeting.

Policy Impact Area: Council Rules - attendance

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

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