

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-746

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: September 10, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 12, 2024

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 674 – Disaster Preparedness and Civil Emergency – in Section 674.206 – Disaster emergencies – to provide that the Mayor, in coordination with the Council President, shall call for a special meeting of the City Council at the same time the state of disaster emergency is declared or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable in light of the circumstances surrounding the disaster emergency. It also provides that the Mayor or the mayor’s designee shall report the facts and circumstances of the disaster and any recommendations for actions. Finally, it removes the requirement for the Mayor to issue a proclamation ending a state of emergency after the City Council has passed a resolution terminating the state of emergency.

Background Information: The current wording of the section provides that the Mayor shall convene the City Council in a special meeting at the time a declaration of disaster emergency is promulgated. The amendment adds a provision regarding coordination with the Council President and provides that the meeting may be held after the promulgation of the emergency as soon as is reasonably practical. It also provides that the Mayor’s designee, not the mayor personally, may brief the Council on the situation. The current language of the section provides that the Council may by resolution terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time, but requires the Mayor to then issue a proclamation ending the state of emergency.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency declaration procedures

Fiscal Impact: None

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