

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-489

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem and Council Member Carlucci

**Date of Introduction:** August 8, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** August 10, 2023

**Type of Action:** Council Rules amendment

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Council Rule 1.103 - Annual Declaration of Leadership Interest and Method of Election of Officers – to add a provision that noticed council member-to-member meetings to discuss council leadership qualifications may not take place earlier than March 10 of each year or the first business day thereafter.

**Background Information:** In 2020 the Council Rules were amended to provide that declarations of intent by council members to offer themselves as candidates for the office of Council President or Council Vice President must be made between March 1 and March 30 each year, two months before the election of officers is held in May. Since that time council members have scheduled noticed meetings to announce their candidacy for office and to collect signed pledges of support from other council members on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This amendment restricts the holding of such meetings to explore potential leadership candidates until after March 10<sup>th</sup> each year (or the first business day thereafter). This provides an opportunity for members to file their initial expression of intent to be a candidate for a leadership position with the Council Secretary/Director on or after March 1<sup>st</sup> as required and then post notice of member-to-member meetings thereafter.

**Policy Impact Area:** Council leadership selection process

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Analyst:** Clements