

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Paragraphs (d) of Section 2-3 of the Columbus Code which deals with public comment at Columbus Council rules of procedure is hereby revised to read as follows:

“(d) All persons desiring to appear before the Council of Columbus, Georgia, except with respect to a 1st Reading of an Ordinance or other designated public hearing, shall make written application to the Clerk of Council not later than 12:00 noon on Friday preceding the meeting, giving his or her name and the subject matter to be discussed. **Subject matter will be limited to topics relevant/germane to the business of the Columbus Consolidated Government and pertain to matters over which Council has authority.** Said information may be submitted through the online application process, mailed or delivered to the Clerk of Council’s Office in person or by a third party. **The Clerk of Council, as directed by the mayor, in his or her capacity as presiding officer, shall promulgate administrative public agenda guidelines with the application materials that are consistent with the governmental interest of conducting orderly, efficient meetings of public bodies.** The Clerk of Council shall prepare an agenda for the Council to include a public agenda and those individuals listed on the public agenda shall be heard immediately after the city attorney's agenda upon recognition by the mayor.”

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 28th day of April 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor