



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 24-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 115 (“Mayor And City Council”), Article 115-II (“City Council Meetings”), Section 115.040 (“Duty To Attend Meetings”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

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Issue Statement

To amend the Municipal Code in conjunction with the recently passed Charter Amendment #4.

Discussion and/or Analysis

This amendment provides a more specific procedure for excusing Council Member absences in accordance with the Charter. Redline changes are as follows:

115.040 Duty To Attend Meetings

A. It shall be the duty of each member of the City Council to be present at each meeting of the Council unless leave of absence is granted, or such member is sick and unable to attend. **Any absence may be excused by a majority vote of the non-absent Councilmembers at the request of the absent Councilmember.**

B. **In the event a Councilmember has been absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Council without having been excused by the Council, the remaining Councilmembers shall vote on the matter of whether to excuse the three absences at issue at the next regular meeting following the third absence. The Councilmember with the absences shall abstain from voting on the matter, but may (1) provide written explanation to the City Clerk prior to the meeting at which the vote will take place, who shall then provide the same to the other Councilmembers, and (2) be present for the vote and participate in discussion on the matter preceding the vote. The Council may excuse such absences by majority vote of those Councilmembers present, excluding the Councilmember with the absences.**

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.