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Sponsor(s): Burke (14)

Harris (8)

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Title: Amendment of City Council Rules of Order and Procedure

by adding new Rule 58 to allow public participation at committee meetings open to public under Illinois Open

Meetings Act

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

The Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council of the City of Chicago for the 2015 - 2019 term are hereby amended by adding a new Rule 58, as follows:

Public Participation

RULE 58. Any member of the general public may address orally or in writing any committee of the City Council at any meeting required to be open to the public under the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.). Any such person who orally addresses a committee of the City Council shall:

- (1) be physically present inside the assembly room where the committee's meeting takes place and submit a request to testify;
- (2) limit his or her remarks to three minutes;
- (3) limit his or her remarks to the subject matter appearing on the agenda of the meeting;
- (4) refrain from profane language, obscene conduct, or disruptive comments; and
- (5) comply with the order of the Chairman of the committee meeting.

The committee Chairman has authority and discretion to: (i) curtail or limit public comment if the witness fails to comply with this Rule, and (ii) allow reasonable variances from the three-minute time limit in appropriate, non-discriminatory, circumstances.

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