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REFERRED TO: Rules and Public Policy Committee

SPONSOR: Councilors Allen, Barth, Boots, Brown, A., Carlino, Delaney, Evans, Gibson, Graves, Lewis, Mascari, McCormick, Nielsen, Osili, Perkins, Roberts and Robinson

DIGEST: amends the Revised Code Section of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis Marion County to add guidelines for the submittal of Special Resolutions

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SOURCE:

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LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:  
Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 31, 2024

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CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. , 2024

A PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL ORDINANCE to amend the Revised Code Section of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis Marion County to add guidelines for the submittal of Special Resolutions

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County Section 151-61 is hereby amended to add the portions underlined and to delete the portions ~~stricken through~~ and **highlighted** to read as follow reading as follows:

**Sec. 151-61. Designation of proposals.**

- (a) Any proposal for action by a council by ordinance or general resolution shall be in writing and entitled in the following form: "a proposal for a \_\_\_\_\_," inserting therein the class of ordinance or general resolution and the subject matter of the proposal.
- (b) Any proposal which contemplates a resolution or other action by a council in the nature of a memorial, commendation or other admonishment or proclamation shall be designated "a proposal for a special resolution." The proposal shall be properly before the council for final action unless the president or the council refers or tables the proposal. If eight (8) councilors so request, the proposal shall be referred to a committee. The following guidelines shall apply to all Special Resolutions
  - (1) Memorials:
    - a. Must be a deceased person recognized county or state-wide.
      - i. The named individual may only be recognized once.
    - b. Must be a milestone event or anniversary recognized county or state-wide.
    - c. Nationally recognized events must have specific significance locally
      - i. Nationally recognized events may not be slated for the agenda if time is of the essence for any particular month.
  - (2) Commendations/Admonishments/Proclamations:
    - a. Subject matter

- i. must be of general interest and within the power and jurisdiction of the Council.
    - ii. must be something generally known to be supported by a substantial portion of the councilors and the county-wide citizenry.
    - iii. should not be politically partisan or potentially or intentionally divisive to the community at large.
  - b. Must be a living person recognized county or state-wide
    - i. Individual or group must not have received a similar recognition from the council within the last year (unless it is a state-wide sporting championship.)
  - c. Must be a milestone event or anniversary.
- (3) Other restrictions or guidelines
- a. No Special Resolutions will be introduced during City-County annual budget deliberations (currently August through October)
  - b. A maximum of two speakers, speaking no more than two minutes each, will be allowed per resolution.
  - c. Each Councilor can lead-sponsor no more than three Special Resolutions per calendar year.
  - d. Special Resolutions should be no more than one page (not including signatures.)
  - e. Exceptions to these guidelines may be made for city-sponsored events or people.
  - f. The President shall have the power to make the final determination as to whether a matter meets the guidelines spelled out here-in or determine which matters will be added to the agenda.
  - g. Proposals not meeting the requirements in this section shall be eligible for an individual Proclamation from the individual Councilor.
- (c) Any proposal which contemplates action relating only to the internal procedures of a council, its finances or its staff, or relates to appointments, removal of appointments or confirmation of appointments made exclusively by the council, shall be designated "a proposal for a council resolution." The proposal shall be properly before the council for final action at the same meeting at which it is introduced, unless the president or the council refers or postpones it.
- (d) All other actions of a council shall be taken by ordinance or general resolution. Ordinances or general resolutions shall be designated in one (1) of the following classes:
- (1) General ordinances, which shall include all ordinances of general application to the public;
  - (2) Fiscal ordinances, which shall include all ordinances establishing annual budget or appropriations, and any revisions to such budgets or appropriations;
  - (3) Special ordinances, which shall include ordinances of special application or private concessions;
  - (4) Rezoning ordinances, which are zoning map changes certified by the metropolitan development commission;
  - (5) General resolutions, which are resolutions effecting official actions of governmental or general application.
- (e) Proposals for action by a special service district council shall be designated similarly including the respective council.

SECTION 2. Should any provision (section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or any other portion) of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, the remaining provision or provisions shall not be affected, if and only if such remaining provisions can, without the invalid provision or provisions, be given the effect intended by the Council in adopting this ordinance. To this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after January 1, 2025, and compliance with Ind. Code § 36-3-4-14.



The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

ATTEST:

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Vop Osili  
President, City-County Council

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Yulonda Winfield  
Clerk, City-County Council