

EXHIBIT A

**PROPOSED ARTICLE IV, THE COUNCIL
SECTION 4.12, LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE**

Present Charter	Proposed Charter	Reasoning
<p align="center">ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL</p> <p>SECTION 4.12, LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE</p> <p>Four (4) members of Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.</p> <p>All legislative action of Council shall be in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and the statute laws of the State of Ohio, and as further provided in this Charter. Any formal resolution or ordinance must be introduced in written or printed form, which shall contain no more than one (1) subject, which subject shall be clearly expressed in its title.</p> <p>No ordinance or formal resolution or section thereof shall be revised or amended, unless the new ordinance or resolution contains the entire ordinance or resolution or section revised or amended and a repeal of the original ordinance, resolution, section or sections so amended.</p> <p>An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of Council shall be required</p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL</p> <p>SECTION 4.12, LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE</p> <p>Four (4) members of Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.</p> <p>All legislative action of Council shall be in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and the statute laws of the State of Ohio, and as further provided in this Charter. Any formal resolution or ordinance must be introduced in written or printed form, which shall contain no more than one (1) subject, which subject shall be clearly expressed in its title.</p> <p>No ordinance or formal resolution or section thereof shall be revised or amended, unless the new ordinance or resolution contains the entire ordinance or resolution or section revised or amended and a repeal of the original ordinance, resolution, section or sections so amended.</p> <p>An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of Council shall be required</p>	<p align="center">ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL</p> <p>SECTION 4.12, LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE</p> <p>The purpose of the change is to align the consequence for an improper voting abstention with the due process framework in Section 4.07 of this Charter, replacing an automatic self-executing removal trigger with a notice-and-hearing procedure.</p>

<p>for the enactment of every resolution or ordinance, unless a larger number be required by the provisions of this Charter.</p> <p>Every ordinance shall be read by title at two (2) different Council meetings, unless Council votes to suspend this rule. Such suspension of the rules shall require the affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of Council if all members are present, or the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members if one or more members are absent. If this rule is suspended in accordance with the foregoing provisions, then the ordinance shall be read by title once before the passage.</p> <p>No action of Council authorizing the surrender or joint exercise of any of its powers or in granting any franchise shall be enacted under a suspension of this rule.</p> <p>Members of Council shall vote in the affirmative or negative on all matters coming on for vote at a regular or special meeting of Council. A member of Council may abstain from a vote on such matters but only upon stating on the public record that the reason for such abstention is a conflict of interest on the matter to be voted upon. The basis</p>	<p>for the enactment of every resolution or ordinance, unless a larger number be required by the provisions of this Charter.</p> <p>Every ordinance shall be read by title at two (2) different Council meetings, unless Council votes to suspend this rule. Such suspension of the rules shall require the affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of Council if all members are present, or the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members if one or more members are absent. If this rule is suspended in accordance with the foregoing provisions, then the ordinance shall be read by title once before the passage.</p> <p>No action of Council authorizing the surrender or joint exercise of any of its powers or in granting any franchise shall be enacted under a suspension of this rule.</p> <p>Members of Council shall vote in the affirmative or negative on all matters coming on for vote at a regular or special meeting of Council. A member of Council may abstain from a vote on such matters but only upon stating on the public record that the reason for such abstention is a conflict of interest on the matter to be voted upon. The basis for such conflict need not be stated. Any member</p>	
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<p>for such conflict need not be stated. Any member not complying with this provision shall be immediately informed of this provision by the Clerk of Council or the City Attorney. Should the member of Council not immediately change the Council member's abstention vote or state that basis of the abstention is a conflict of interest, the member of Council shall be considered to have removed himself/herself from office, and the filling of the vacancy so created shall be governed by <u>Section 4.08</u> of this Charter.</p>	<p>not complying with this provision shall be immediately informed of this provision by the Clerk of Council or the City Attorney. Should the member of Council not immediately change the Council member's abstention vote or state that basis of the abstention is a conflict of interest, the member of Council shall be considered to have removed himself/herself from office, and the filling of the vacancy so created shall be governed by <u>Section 4.08</u> subject to removal as governed by <u>Section 4.07</u> of this Charter.</p>	
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