

CITY OF DOVER PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2013-11

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 1 - General Provisions, Section 1-9 - Sponsoring, Consideration, Passage and Effective Date of Ordinances and Charter Amendments, Subsection (c) - Sponsors, of the Dover Code, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-9. Sponsoring, consideration, passage and effective date of ordinances and Charter amendments.

- (a) Requirements for passage. No ordinance, except emergency ordinances, shall be passed by the council until it is:
 - (1) Announced at one regular council meeting, which announcement shall be made by the city clerk outlining the nature of the ordinance and stating when it will be considered for passage at a subsequent regular council meeting; and
 - (2) Read by synopsis, outline or otherwise at the aforementioned subsequent meeting of the council prior to being voted upon by the council.
- (b) Emergency ordinances; effective date of ordinances. Emergency ordinances may be passed by the council at any time, but must be designated as such that their immediate passage is necessary to serve the health and welfare of the city. Ordinances shall be passed in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of the Charter. All ordinances which do not state an effective date shall be effective immediately upon their adoption by the council and their approval by the mayor, except as otherwise provided in section 10 of the Charter.
- (c) Sponsors. With the exception of emergency ordinances, zoning ordinances or map amendments, ordinance amendments submitted by a committee, and ordinances passed in consideration of a comprehensive review of the Code, all ordinances or proposed Charter changes must have two (2) sponsors, to consist of either two (2) members of the council or one (1) council-appointed staff member and one (1) member of the council, before they are presented to the appropriate committee for consideration and subsequent recommendation to the council.

(Code 1968, § 1-8; Ord. of 3-12-1990; Ord. of 7-10-1995; Ord. of 2-12-2001; Ord. of 11-24-2003; Code 1981, § 1-6)

ADOPTED: AUGUST 12, 2013

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SYNOPSIS

THIS AMENDMENT WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SPONSORS REQUIRED FROM THREE (3) TO TWO (2) AND WOULD REMOVE COUNCIL-APPOINTED STAFF FROM THE EXCEPTIONS.

(SPONSORS: LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE)

Actions History

August 12, 2013 - Final Reading by Council

July 22, 2013 - First Reading by Council