

ORDINANCE No. 180371

Revise Council procedures regarding communications on the Council Agenda. (Ordinance; amend Code Section 3.02.040)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Ordinance No. 177787, passed by the Council on August 13, 2003, amended City Code Chapter 3.02 to reflect changes in Council procedures.
2. At that time, changes were made to Section 3.02.040 E. to place requests of individuals to address Council at the beginning of the Regular Agenda at the Wednesday morning session and allow only five communication requests on the agenda each week. This practice has improved the work flow of Council meetings and made the process more convenient for citizens.
3. One of the goals of having individuals address Council is to give citizens the opportunity to communicate directly with the Council, and to ensure Council hears from as broad a cross-section of the community it serves as possible. Currently, the five communications requests are fulfilled in the order in which they are received. To allow more diverse participation, individuals may have only one request per calendar month to be on the Council communications agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. Section 3.02.040 E.4 is amended as follows:

4. A request from the public to address Council shall be in writing, and be in a form which states:
 - a. the nature of the request;
 - b. the reason for the request; and
 - c. the requester's name, address and phone number.

The Clerk will notify the requester of the date it will be considered by Council; the request will normally be placed at the beginning of the Regular Agenda at the Wednesday morning session. The requester will be given three minutes to testify but may also submit written materials before or at the meeting. Only five communication requests will be placed on the Agenda per week. Requesters are limited to one oral communication to Council per calendar month under this section. Once a requestor has presented an oral communication to the Council under this section, the Clerk shall not schedule that person for another oral communication to Council in the same calendar month.

Passed by the Council: August 16, 2006

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SALTZMAN	X	
STEN	X	
POTTER	X	