

ORDINANCE NO. 4 , 2016

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 30.03, ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Section 30.03 of the Code of Ordinances, enacted in 1975, sets forth the procedure for providing notice for regular and Special Meetings of City Council; and

WHEREAS, with a significant shift in the manner by which the public receives information, Council does desire to update the announcement of public meetings to incorporate modern technology and to meet the statutory requirements of R.C. § 121.22 to provide notice to the public of the meetings of City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 30.03, *Announcement of Public Meetings*, shall be amended to read as follows:

A. *No less than quarterly, the City shall post the scheduled date and time for City Council meetings on the City's website and within the City's newsletter. If a meeting time or location is changed, as decided by City Council at a prior open meeting, the new time and place shall be posted as soon as practical on the City's website. If time allows within the circulation schedule of the City newsletter, such changed time and location shall also be noted in the newsletter.*

B. *Any person or news organization may request advance notice of all meetings of City Council in writing delivered to the Clerk of Council. The Clerk shall then send advance notice of such meetings of City Council through either email (or equivalent*

electronic medium), by facsimile transmission, or by regular U.S. Mail as has been designated by the requesting person or organization. The failure of delivery shall not void any action taken at such meeting by City Council.

C. Consistent with Section 3.04 of the Charter of the City of Montgomery, Council may hold Special Meetings and, except in the event of an emergency, notice of such meeting shall be posted to the City's website and shall be provided to those persons and media outlets requesting advance notification no less than twenty four (24) hours in advance of such meeting in the format requested by such person or organization.

SECTION 2. Section 30.03 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed with the adoption of this replacement section.

SECTION 3. All sections, subsections, parts and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be independent sections, subsections, parts and provisions, and the holding of any section, subsection, part or provision to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any reason shall not affect or render invalid any other section, subsection, part or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect the earliest opportunity as allowable by law.

PASSED: June 1, 2016

ATTEST: Connie M. Gaylor
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Christopher P. Dobrozsi
Christopher P. Dobrozsi, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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