

Common Council Committee on Council Processes Agenda

Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 4:00pm

Allison Conference Room #225, City Hall

The meeting may also be accessed [remotely](#)¹.

Chair: Isabel Piedmont-Smith

Topics to be Discussed:

1. Agenda Review and Approval
2. Updates from the Office of the City Clerk
 - A. Code of Conduct Implementation
 - B. Training for Board and Commission Members and Staff Liaisons
 - C. Electronic Sign-Up for Public Comment During Council Meetings
3. Councilmember Sponsorship of All Items of Legislation
 - A. Proposed Legislation Presentation and Discussion
 - B. Implementation Logistics
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. Next Steps
4. Allowing Non-City Residents to Serve on Boards and Commissions
 - A. Does any Committee Member Want to Make a Specific Proposal?
 - B. Public Comment
 - C. Next Steps (If Any)
5. Consent Agendas
 - A. Need for Review by Legal Counsel
6. Other Business Raised by Committee Members
7. Adjournment

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee. Committee Members:

- Courtney Daily, Appointed by Council President, Term 01/08/2026-01/07/2027
- Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Appointed by Council President, Term 01/08/2026-01/07/2027
- Hopi Stosberg, Appointed by Council President, Term 01/08/2026-01/07/2027
- Sydney Zulich, Appointed by Council President, Term 01/08/2026-01/07/2027

Committee on Council Processes meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- [Community Action Television Services \(CATS\)](#)²
- [City's YouTube Channel](#)³

[Materials for meetings](#)⁴ are available on the committee website.

¹ <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/88296767249?pwd=itsHiZ3LzM2EOZ5E011U5XqdbjqYKK.1>

² <https://catstv.net/index.php>

³ <https://youtube.com/@citybloomington>

⁴ <https://bloomington.in.gov/council/processes>

Ordinance 2026-xx to Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Administration and Personnel” to Require Councilmember Sponsorship of Legislation Under Chapter 2.04

Preamble

Whereas, the Common Council, as the legislative body for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, should work closely with the Mayor’s administration to bring forward legislation; and

Whereas, currently legislation brought forward by the Mayor’s administration does not require sponsorship or other explicit support from any individual Councilmember; and

Whereas, the Council finds that requiring a Councilmember to sponsor all items of legislation would improve communication between the Mayor’s administration and the Council; and

Whereas, the Council finds that legislation brought forward by the Mayor’s administration sometimes does not include sufficient context and/or explanation in layperson’s terms of the issue(s) at hand; and

Whereas, the Council holds that legislation proposed by the Mayor’s administration may be improved through Councilmember sponsorship by clarifying language and context; and

Whereas, the Common Council of many Class 2 cities in the State of Indiana require sponsorship of legislation by a Councilmember or a Council committee;

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, That:

Section 1: Add the following sentence at the start of paragraph 2.04.270 “Ordinances and resolutions – Filing, copies and agendas”:

No proposed ordinance or resolution shall be considered by the council unless sponsored by a member of the council.

Section 2: Severability.

If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 3: Effective date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2026.

Passed

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Signature of Common Council President, City of Bloomington

Attestation of Bloomington City Clerk:

Nicole Bolden

Signature of Clerk, City of Bloomington

Presented by me to the Mayor of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2026:

Nicole Bolden

Signature of Clerk, City of Bloomington

Signed and approved by me upon this upon the _____ day of _____, 2026:

Kerry Thomson

Signature of Mayor, City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance sponsored by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith adds a new sentence to the Bloomington Municipal Code paragraph 2.04.270 to require Councilmember sponsorship of each item of legislation.

Article IV. Ordinances and Resolutions

2.04.260 Ordinances—Title and enacting clause.

Each ordinance to be submitted to the council shall have a title indicating the nature of the subject matter and an enacting clause in substantially the following style: "Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, That:."

(Ord. 79-97 § 2 (part), 1979).

2.04.270 Ordinances and resolutions—Filing, copies and agendas.

No proposed ordinance or resolution shall be considered by the council unless sponsored by a member of the council. Each ordinance or resolution submitted to the council shall be in an editable, electronic form, accompanied by any relevant documents, and filed with the council office at least ten days before the meeting at which the legislation is to be introduced. That time frame may be extended by a vote of the council or at the request of the president. The president shall approve the agendas for regular sessions, special sessions called by the president or voted upon by the council, and committees convened to consider legislation referred to them, and the council staff shall prepare and distribute copies of the agendas and legislation to the council members, the mayor, and corporation counsel. The president may, at the meeting when ordinances are introduced for first reading, announce that the council will consider any of those ordinances as well as any resolutions expected to be considered during that legislative cycle at the next two regularly scheduled committees of the whole before receiving formal action at the following regularly scheduled regular session.

(Ord. 83-15 § 1 (part), 1983).

(Ord. No. 13-05, § 5, 3-6-2013; Ord. No. 21-03, § 6, 2-17-2021)

2.04.280 Ordinances and resolutions—Synopsis required.

(a) Each ordinance and resolution submitted to the council shall be accompanied by a short, nontechnical synopsis of the legislation which is comprehensible to the average citizen and suitable for publication. The council staff may edit the synopsis to clarify information or standardize format.

(b) The edited synopsis shall be read whenever the legislation it accompanies is introduced at a council meeting for first or second reading and it shall become a part of the official record, but shall not have the legal effect of being part of the legislation.

(Ord. 79-97 § 2 (part), 1979).

2.04.290 Ordinances and resolutions—Fiscal impact statement required.

All proposed legislation must be accompanied by a statement describing the impact of that legislation on the city's finances, including but not limited to revenues, expenditures, and any new debt obligations.

(Ord. 79-97 § 2 (part), 1979).

(Ord. No. 13-05, § 6, 3-6-2013; Ord. No. 21-03, § 7, 2-17-2021)