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Motion amending the Common Council Procedure and Rules relating to participation in meetings by conference call over speaker telephone.
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This motion amends the Common Council Procedure and Rules to permit participation by Council members in meetings by conference call over speaker telephone.

Part 1. Article III, Section 1 of the common council procedure and rules is amended to read:

Article III DECORUM AND PROCEDURE

Section 1. Absences. Any member who fails to [[appear and]] answer to his or her name when the roll is called at any regular or special meeting, including committee meetings, shall be recorded as absent. If a member cannot attend due to sickness or for a duly authorized reason, the member shall so notify the city clerk who shall notify the president or committee chair before the meeting is called. No member present at any meeting of the common council shall withdraw from the meetings without permission from the chair.

Part 2. Article III, Section 2 to 6 of the common council procedure and rules is renumbered Article III, Section 3 to 7.

Part 3. Article III, Section 2 of the common council procedure and rules is created to read:

Section 2. Telephone Conference Calls. Any member will be considered present who participates in council or committee meetings by means of a telephone conference call over a speaker telephone. Members who wish to participate via a conference call shall notify the city clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The city clerk shall notify the president or the committee chair.

Part 4. Article III, Section 6 of the common council procedure and rules is amended to read:

Section 6. Limitations on Speech. No member shall be recognized by the president unless the member is at his or her own place >>or is attending via a telephone conference call over a speaker telephone<<. No member shall speak more than twice on any question until all members who desire to speak have been heard, and then not without first obtaining recognition from the president. In speaking, members shall confine themselves to the question under consideration and shall avoid all personalities. The president of the common council shall not address matters of substance, but shall confine remarks to procedural matters unless he or she relinquishes the chair and takes a seat among the other common council members.

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