

Resolution No. 15-20

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1-20,  
THE RULES OF COUNCIL (*Rule 1 and Rule 16*) PASSED  
ON JANUARY 6, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Lorain City Council wishes to amend Council Rules to limit the number of regular meetings held monthly by the legislative authority during the to reduce exposure to our employees and the general public during the COVID-19 crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO:**

SECTION II: That Resolution No. 1-20 – Rule #1 – Regular Meetings which currently reads as follows:

RULE 1 – Regular Meetings:

The regular meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first and third Monday evenings of each month promptly at 6 p.m. If the day of the meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. Council shall recess during the month of August.

Agendas along with the corresponding packet may be viewed on the city's website @ [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org)

**SHALL HEREBY BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

RULE 1 – Regular Meetings:

Due to the emergency crisis, Lorain City Council will hold their regular meetings on the third Monday of each month for the next sixty (60) day period. Commencing June 1, 2020, all regular meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first and third Monday evenings of each month promptly at 6 p.m. If the day of the meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. Council shall recess during the month of August.

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SECTION II. That Resolution No. 1-20, Rule #16 Order of Business (Public Comment) Item 8.

1. Prayer & Pledge
2. Roll Call
3. Disposition of the minutes
4. Correspondence/Communication & reports from the Mayor
5. Correspondence from Directors, Boards/Commissions, etc.
6. Correspondence from other Governmental Agencies
7. Correspondence from the general public
8. Public Comment

9. Committee Reports
10. Ordinance & Resolutions – First, Second & Third Readings)
11. Committee Calls
12. Misc. Business & Concerns from Council
13. Adjournment

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\*Presentations and commendations shall be included on the Council agenda upon approval of the presiding officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES  
(item 8 Rule 16)

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- b.) Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes unless extended by Council.
- c.) Speakers must sign up prior to commencement of the meeting.
- d.) Speakers must provide their name, address and item they wish to comment on.
- e.) Speakers are called up on a first-come, first serve basis.
- f.) Speakers will engage in civil discussion through the chair and refrain from personal attacks. Violations will result in removal from the chambers.
- g.) The Council President reserves the right to rule comments dilatory at all times.
- h.) Residents are encouraged to use their time to comment or ask for clarification on agenda items, report concerns, make suggestions or make announcements of community events and should not expect debate or any discussion on the topic.

**SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

That Resolution No. 1-20, Rule #16 Order of Business - (Public Comment) item 8 as listed below is hereby suspended until June 1, 2020.

- 1 Prayer & Pledge
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Disposition of the minutes
- 4 Correspondence/Communication & reports from the Mayor
- 5 Correspondence from Directors, Boards/Commissions, etc.
- 6 Correspondence from other Governmental Agencies
- 7 Correspondence from the general public
- 8 Public Comment (suspended until 6-1-20)
- 9 Committee Reports
- 10 Ordinance & Resolutions – First, Second & Third Readings)
- 11 Committee Calls
- 12 Misc. Business & Concerns from Council
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SECTION III: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION V: That this resolution is here by declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare in the City of Lorain and the usual daily operations of the City for the reasons set forth above and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the legislative body, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by Council and approval from the Mayor, otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 23, 2020

ATTEST: Nancy Green, Clerk

APPROVED: March 23, 2020

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President of Council

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Mayor





## CITY OF LORAIN

### City Council Special Call

10. a.

**Meeting Date:** 03/23/2020

**Submitted by:** Nancy Greer, Clerk of Council

### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE**

A Resolution amending Reso. No. 1-20 Council Rules passed on Jan. 6, 2020, Rule 1 and 16.

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

Council Rule 1 is amended by reducing the number of regular meetings held by Lorain City Council from the first and third Monday to the third Monday (once a month for the next 60 days) through June 1, 2020. It also suspends the public comment period for the same time frame.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Lorain City Council consider passage.

### **Attachments**

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### **Form Review**

Form Started By: Nancy Greer  
Final Approval Date: 03/19/2020

Started On: 03/19/2020 02:28 PM

VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Fallis	✓		Argenti	✓	
Dimacchia	✓		Moon	✓	
Springowski	✓		Carrion		
Henley			Shawver	✓	
McFarland	✓		Thornsberry	✓	
Carter	✓		Arredondo		