

Amendment 2 to RES 32173 - Council Rules Updates

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Addressing the Introduction of Non-Committee Member Amendments

Effect: This amendment provides flexibility for non-committee members to present amendments. In order for the amendment to receive consideration and a vote, a committee member would move the amendment on behalf of the non-committee member, without sponsoring or endorsing its contents. This could provide an opportunity for non-members to bring amendments to committees and thus reduce the number of amendments brought to Full Council for consideration.

1. Amend Resolution 32173 Attachment 1 General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council by amending Rule VI.B. as follows:

VI. Standing Committees

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B. Membership.

1. A standing committee consists of at least four members and, if the committee has fewer members than the Council has CMs, may include an alternate. A committee has a Chair and may have a Vice-Chair.
2. If the vacancy of a City Council position requires the appointment and/or election of a replacement CM, the replacement CM shall assume the replaced CM's committee duties and responsibilities, unless stated otherwise by Resolution.
3. Only CMs who are designated members of the standing committee (or the alternate if serving as a member) may sponsor amendments before the committee, or vote at its meetings. Voting rights of members include the power to make, second, amend, and vote on all motions.
 - a. If invited by the Chair or Vice-Chair, a CM other than the designated members (or the alternate if serving as a member) may participate as a non-committee member without voting rights in a standing committee meeting.
 - b. Participation of non-committee members is limited to taking part in debate, upon recognition by the Chair, and the authorship of amendments, to be submitted in accordance with Rule IV.C.1. Amendments by non-committee members do not require sponsorship.
4. The quorum requirement for standing committee meetings is three CMs unless a greater number is stated by Resolution.

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5. The President shall not serve as the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee.