

St. Louis Board of Aldermen Resolution Progression Process

Filing of Resolutions

Description

This is when a resolution has been given to Clerk to be prepared for introduction. A Resolution will be given during this process and it is placed on the upcoming Full Board Meeting agenda.

Introduction of Resolutions

Description

This is when a filed Resolution, of any type, is first brought before the Full Board for consideration.

Types

There are two types of resolutions. There are Courtesy and Regular Resolutions. The type of Resolution will determine the actions taken.

Courtesy Resolutions

Description

These are Resolutions that are commemorative and honorific. These Resolutions appear on the Full Board's agenda under Courtesy Resolutions.

Passage

These Resolutions non-controversial and are passed in the same meeting they are introduced in by general voice vote. Most of these are on the Resolutions Consent Calendar and are passed with one motion by the Floor Majority leader. All of these Resolutions are recorded as having the same vote.

Regular Resolutions

Description

These are Resolutions that are not commemorative and need a review before passage. These Resolutions are on the Full Board agenda under First Reading of Resolutions.

Referred to Committee

Regular Resolutions are referred to a committee for review.

Referral Motion

A Board member moves to send the resolution to a specified committee. If no motion is made the Resolution goes immediately and automatically to the Rules, Engrossment, resolutions and Credentials Committee for review. The vote on this motion is done as a general voice vote unless a member asks for a roll call.

Committee Hearing

Resolutions that were First Read are reviewed in a committee. At Committee Chairs discretion a hearing is called on a Resolution for review and discussion.

The following can take place during the review of the Resolution:

1. The committee can hold the Resolution in the committee
2. The committee can amend making the Resolution As Amended
3. The committee can substitute making the Resolution A Substitute
4. The committee can substitute and amend the Resolution making the Resolution a Substitute As Amended.

Final Actions

After the review and discussion of a Resolution the following actions can take place:

1. The Resolution is passed out of committee and sent back to the Full Board for consideration at the next subsequent meeting
2. The motion to pass the Resolutions fails and the process of advancement stops in committee.

Second Reading and Final Passage of Resolutions

Description

These are Resolutions that are not commemorative and have had a review and passed out of committee for consideration by the Full Board

Full Board Review

During the Second Reading of Resolutions a Full Board discussion is held on a Resolution. The following can take place during the Full Board review of the Resolution that is Second Read:

1. The Full Board can amend making it a Resolution As Amended
2. The Full Board can substitute making it a Substitute Resolution
3. The Full Board can substitute and amend the Resolution making it a Substitute Resolution As Amended
4. The Resolution is sent back to committee
5. The Resolution is “tabled”

Final Actions

After the review and discussion of a Resolution by the Full Board the following actions can take place:

1. The Resolution is passed by the Full Board and therefore is considered finally passed. This is done by voice vote unless a roll call is requested by a member.
2. The motion to pass the Resolutions fails and the process of advancement stops in committee.

Actions that Can Be Taken to Revive a Resolution once it has Failed

Any member having voted on the “prevailing side” (the winning side) of a vote may move to have a Resolution reconsidered. If it receives the approval to be reconsidered it will go back up for reconsideration to go back through the Resolutions Second reading and Final Passage process again.

Formal and Commemorative Copies

Description

A Formal Copy is a signed copy of a Regular Resolution.

A Courtesy Resolution gets a commemorative copy that is a decorative copy of a Courtesy Resolution.

Actions

After the passage of a Courtesy Resolution a Commemorative copy is made that is given to the honoree.

A Regular Resolution gets a non-decorative copy.