

ORDINANCE NO. 167

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

An ordinance regulating special council meetings.

Section 1: Special meetings of the City Council may be called by the Mayor or by any two council members by writing filed with the City Administrator, who shall mail a notice to all members for the time and place of meeting at least one day before the meeting. All special meetings shall be open to the public except for meetings or portions of meetings called to discuss issues which qualify for closed meetings under state law, such as employee disciplinary hearings or litigation strategy meetings. The Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence, the Vice-Mayor, shall preside at special meetings.

Section 2: The routine business of the City shall whenever possible be addressed at regular scheduled council meetings. Special meetings shall be called only if urgent business must be addressed in circumstances where it would be detrimental to the City to delay discussion or action until the next regular council meeting. Special meetings may also be called if the council needs to address a particularly complicated or lengthy issue which deserves special attention, and which would impede the conduct of routine business at a regular council meeting.

Section 3: There shall be no limit on the number of special council meetings in any calendar year. However, council members shall not be reimbursed for more than a total of 20 special meetings or committee meetings in any calendar year. The attendance fee to be paid to council members for each special meeting or committee meeting shall be \$25.00. Said attendance fee may be changed by the City Council from time to time by ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

For City of Arlington

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/s/ David Czech
By David Czech
Its Mayor

/s/ Lowell Enerson
By Lowell Enerson
Its City Administrator