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*RESOLUTION NO. SP-*10389*, S-2026*

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE 23RD QUEZON CITY COUNCIL, SECTION 10, RULE IV AND SECTIONS 23 AND 28(C), RULE V THEREOF

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WHEREAS, as provided under Section 50 of the Local Government Code, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is required to adopt or update its Internal Rules of Procedure within ninety (90) days from its first regular session following the election of its members, which shall govern the conduct of its sessions and legislative proceedings;

WHEREAS, following the mandate of the law, the Quezon City Council adopted its Internal Rules of Procedure of the 23rd Quezon City Council through Resolution No. SP-10180, S-2025;

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WHEREAS, Section 10, Rule IV of the Internal Rules of Procedure provides for the procedure governing the preparation and submission of committee reports, including the participation of secondary committees;

WHEREAS, there is a need to emphasize the role of the main committee and clarify that the absence of a report or comment from a secondary committee within the prescribed period shall not unduly delay the submission of the main committee report in order to promote effectiveness and efficiency in the legislative process;

WHEREAS, Section 23, Rule V of the aforementioned Internal Rules of Procedure provides that regular sessions shall be held every Monday and Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. at the Carlos Albert Hall or such other place designated by the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

WHEREAS, the shortened interval between sessions has resulted in challenges that hinder the achievement of more effective legislation;

WHEREAS, amending the schedule of regular sessions to retain Monday as the primary regular session day while allowing the holding of additional regular sessions on Wednesdays, when necessary, would address existing operational challenges and enhance the efficiency, flexibility, and responsiveness of the legislative process;

WHEREAS, Section 28, Rule V governs the filing, consideration, and approval of resolutions and ordinances, including procedures during Second Reading and prior to Third Reading;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to establish clearer guidelines on the submission of amended or consolidated versions of proposed measures after Second Reading to ensure accuracy, transparency, and faithful reflection of the body's approved amendments;

WHEREAS, it is equally necessary to provide safeguards against the introduction of substantial or material amendments after Second Reading without proper deliberation, in order to preserve legislative integrity and uphold due process within the Sanggunian;

WHEREAS, these amendments collectively aim to enhance legislative efficiency, procedural clarity, and institutional accountability in the conduct of the affairs of the 23rd Quezon City Council.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to amend, as it does hereby amend, the Internal Rules of Procedure of the 23rd Quezon City Council, Section 10, Rule IV and Sections 23 and 28(c), Rule V thereof.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that SECTION 10, RULE IV is hereby amended by adding a paragraph to read as follows:

"SECTION 10. COMMITTEE PROCEDURE. –

The report of the main committee shall consolidate and take into consideration the written comments, recommendations, or positions submitted by the secondary committees within the prescribed period to convene and tackle the proposed measure/s referred to them.

Provided, that the absence of a report or comment from a secondary committee within the prescribed period shall not prevent the main committee from submitting its report."

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that SECTION 23, RULE V is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 23. REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS. –

Following the election of the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the regular sessions shall be held every Monday, and if necessary, every Wednesday, both at 2:00 P.M., unless the Sangguniang Panlungsod decides otherwise. In case the regular session day falls on a legal or special holiday, the session shall be calendared on the next immediate regular session; Provided, that in case of a fortuitous event causing the cancellation of a regular session day, the session shall be calendared on the next immediate regular session. However, if a Monday session is already rescheduled to Wednesday due to a fortuitous event and is again cancelled, the session shall be held on the next business day."

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that SECTION 28(c), RULE V is hereby amended and further specified to read as follows:

"SECTION 28. FILING, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE. –

c. SECOND READING – After a proposed measure is reported favorably by the Committee concerned and approved in the Committee on Laws, Rules, and Internal Government, it shall be calendared for Second Reading; Provided, that the same shall have been posted in the bulletin boards of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and to the official website of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (https://qccouncil.quezoncity.gov.ph).

When amendments to a proposed measure are adopted during Second Reading, including cases where related or similar measures are consolidated, the author, principal sponsor, or the Committee concerned shall submit to the Secretary to the Sanggunian an amended and/or consolidated version of the measure not later than the next day immediately following its approval on Second Reading, unless a longer period is expressly granted by the body.

The amended or consolidated version shall faithfully reflect only the amendments, consolidations, and agreements manifested, discussed, and approved during Second Reading, and shall be limited to corrections, clarifications, or conforming changes necessary to give effect to such approved amendments or consolidation.

Provided, that any amendment or consolidation introduced after Second Reading which results in substantial or material changes to the intent, scope, policy direction, or operative provisions of the measure, shall require the measure to be reverted to Second Reading for proper deliberation.

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Provided further, that failure to submit the amended or consolidated version within the prescribed period shall suspend the inclusion of the measure in the calendar for Third Reading."

ADOPTED: February 23, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 23, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on March 2, 2026.

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