

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 07-159

INTRODUCED BY: Gentile

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 2 ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 220 COUNCIL, SECTION 220.06 RULES OF COUNCIL, RULES IV AND VII(h), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Charter and ORC 731.45, Council has established rules which govern the manner in which it operates; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to amend Rule IV and VII(h) to clarify the President of Council's authority to appoint committee chair and vice chair persons and to clarify the rules regarding a quorum; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to amend Part 2 Administration, Chapter 220 Council, Section 220.06 Rules of Council, Rules IV and VII(h) to provide for this change; and

WHEREAS: Rule XXV provides that these rules may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of Council; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for these amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Council hereby amends the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part 2 Administration, Chapter 220 Council, Section 220.06 Rules of Council, Rule IV which currently reads as follows:

Rule IV - Quorum. A majority of all the members elected shall be a quorum to do business, except as otherwise provided in the City Charter.

and will hereinafter read as follows:

Rule IV – Quorum.

(a) Council. A majority of all the members elected to Council shall be a quorum to do business, but a lesser number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and under such penalties as shall be prescribed by these rules. All members shall conduct themselves professionally and shall attend all official meetings of Council in appropriate professional attire.

(b) Committees. A majority of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each committee shall hold its regular meetings at the time and place fixed in the schedule, as prepared by the President of Council and Legislative Director in conference with the chairs of the several committees.

Section 2. Council hereby amends the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part 2 Administration, Chapter 220 Council, Section 220.06 Rules of Council, Rule VII(h) which currently reads as follows:

(h) Composition of Committees. Each committee shall be comprised of three members who shall be appointed by the President of Council, one of whom shall be designated as Chairperson of the committee.

and will hereinafter read as follows:

(h) Composition of Committees. The President of Council shall appoint three (3) members to each of the standing committees, each of whom the first named members shall be the chair and the second named shall be the vice-chair. The vice-chair shall preside until the chair appears, and shall discharge all the duties and be clothed with all the powers of the chair during any absence of the chair.

Section 3. Chapter 220, Section 220.06, Rule IV and VII(h) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 220 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall supercede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption 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 in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to provide for these timely amendments to Council Rules at a time when immediately post election, said rules will greatly assist Council in its actions.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: December 18, 2007

DATE APPROVED: December 26, 2007

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading December 18, 2007

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey,
McKee, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

NAYS: none