

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 08-230

INTRODUCED BY: Gentile, McKee, Willey

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART TWO ADMINISTRATION CODE, CHAPTER 212 PUBLIC MEETINGS, SECTION 212.04 NOTICE OF MEETINGS, PARAGRAPH (b), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: At the General Election held on November 4, 2008, the voters of the City of North Royalton approved a Charter Amendment proposed by Ordinance 08-104 to remove the requirement that Special City Council Meetings called in writing must be personally served to each Council Representative and to allow that notification be prescribed by Ordinance of Council; and

WHEREAS: It is therefore necessary to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part Two Administration Code, Chapter 212 Public Meetings, Section 212.04 Notice of Meetings, Paragraph (b) in order to create this notification procedure; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for this amendment.

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

Section 1. The Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part Two Administration Code, Chapter 212 Public Meetings, Section 212.04 Notice of Meetings, Paragraph (b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

212.04 NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

- (b) Special Meetings. Except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action, no special meeting by any public body shall be held unless the members calling the meeting:
- (1) Cause a notice, twenty-four hours in advance of the special meeting, to be posted in the same places where City ordinances are posted; and
 - (2) Give at least twenty-four hours advance notice to news media that have requested notification; *and*
 - (3) ***Provide at least twelve hour advance notice for Special Council Meetings called in writing to members of Council via telephone notification, either by speaking directly with the Council member or leaving a message on their home or cellular phone. A copy of the Special Meeting Notice and Agenda will be provided via email. Special Council Meetings called from the floor of Council require no additional notification to members of Council, however a copy of the Special Meeting Notice and Agenda will be provided via email at least twelve hours in advance of the Special Meeting.***

Section 2. Chapter 212, Section 212.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 212 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part Two Administration Code, Chapter 212 Public Meetings, Section 212.04 Notice of Meetings, Paragraph (b) in accordance with the results of the November 4, 2008 General Election.

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 16, 2008

DATE APPROVED: December 17, 2008

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

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading December 16, 2008

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: McKee