

ORDINANCE NO. 6319

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SECTION 2-119, ORDER OF BUSINESS; CITIZENS ADDRESSING
CITY COUNCIL AND SECTION 2-120 RULES OF PROCEDURE**

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council aims to hold efficient and effective meetings, while allowing reasonable time for citizens to be heard under Citizens' Comments; and

WHEREAS, under the current order of business, as outlined in FGC Sec. 2-119, the rules allow up to 30 minutes for the public to speak on any item not up for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, there are often times when there are more citizens signed up to speak under Citizens' Comments than is allowed within the 30 minute period; and

WHEREAS, FGC Sec. 2-120 allows the Council to postpone a motion to a date other than that of the next regular meeting if specified in the motion to postpone, and there is currently no limit set on the length of postponement; and

WHEREAS, there are times when a motion is postponed so the Council can gather more information, seek legal advice, or hear reports or presentations from staff, committees or local organizations; however, if there is a need to postpone a motion for a long period of time, the motion should be withdrawn and reintroduced at a later time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. FGC Sec. 2-119(a), Order of business; citizens addressing city council, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-119. Order of business; citizens addressing city council.

(a) At every regular meeting of the city council, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll call.
- (2) Invocation.
- (3) Flag salutation.
- (4) Ceremonial matters (proclamations, introductions, recognitions, and awards).
- (5) Citizens' comments (oral communications to the city council on any item not up for public hearing). The comment period will not exceed a total of **one hour**~~30 minutes~~ unless extended by a council vote.
- (6) Approval of agenda and consent agenda. Consent agenda items are indicated by asterisks (*). Consent agenda items are considered together unless a council member requests that the item be returned to the general agenda. Ordinances on the

approved consent agenda are automatically advanced to the next regular meeting for second reading and public hearing. All other items on the approved consent agenda are passed as final.

- (7) Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- (8) Special orders.
- (9) Mayor's comments and report.
- (10) Council members' comments.
- (11) Unfinished business.
- (12) New business.
- (13) Written communication to the city council.
- (14) Committee reports and council members' comments.
- (15) City clerk's report.
- (16) City attorney's report.
- (17) Executive session (if necessary).
- (18) Adjournment.

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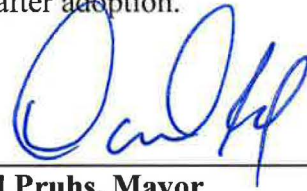
Section 2. FGC Sec. 2-120 Rules of Procedure, subsection (1), is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

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- (1) When a question is under debate, the presiding officer shall receive any of the following motions but no other:
- (1) To adjourn.
 - (2) To recess.
 - (3) To raise a question of privilege.
 - (4) To call for the order of the day, or the regular order.
 - (5) To lay on the table.
 - (6) For the previous question.
 - (7) To limit or extend limits of debate.
 - (8) To postpone to a certain time.
 - (9) To refer.
 - (10) To amend.
 - (11) To postpone indefinitely.

When one of the motions referred to in subsections (l)(1)—(11) has been made, none of the others inferior to it in the order in which they stand above shall be made, and in proceeding to vote, motions pending shall be put in the order of their rank as arranged in subsections (l)(1)—(11). The first seven are not subject to debate. A motion to postpone to a certain time, refer, amend or to postpone indefinitely may be amended; the previous question may be demanded before an amendment, which motion shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order provided that business of a nature to be recorded in the journal has been transacted since any previous motion to adjourn has been defeated. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment. The city council may postpone a motion to a certain time other than the date of the next regular meeting if specified in the motion to postpone, **except that a motion may not be postponed beyond three months after its introduction date.** When a matter has been especially assigned to be taken up at a fixed time, or at certain stage of proceedings, such matter shall, at the appointed time or at any subsequent time, be in order upon the call of any member, and take precedence over all other business.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.



David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: Tidwell, Sprinkle, Ringstad, Marney, Therrien, Cleworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: July 28, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney