



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R36 - 2019**

*Introduced by City Council on May 1, 2019*

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**Amends Council rules by adopting a rule change requiring bills on introduction to be referred to committee for public comment and discussion when vested interests and staff have been notified and certain personnel have been requested to attend.**

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

**WHEREAS**, Allentown City Council is desirous of changing their rules relating to legislation on introduction; and

**WHEREAS**, Allentown City Council is desirous of requiring bills on introduction to be referred to committee for public comment and discussion when vested interest, the public and staff have been notified and certain personnel have been requested to attend.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council hereby amends rules D and F to read as follows:

**D. Referral to Committee:** At the meeting in which any Ordinance first appears upon the agenda, after discussion as set forth heretofore, the Presiding Officer will commit said Ordinance to the appropriate committee. At the meeting in which any Resolution or other matter first appears upon the agenda it will be acted upon by Council at that meeting unless the Presiding Officer, or the Council, by a majority vote commits such matters to the appropriate committee.

~~Public comment will be taken on bills or resolutions on introduction prior to any action to refer the bills to committee. (5/21/14 29009)~~

**E. Debate:** The Presiding Officer may participate in debate without leaving his chair.

**F. Citizen Participation during Council Meetings:** Citizens wishing to address council at its regular meetings may do so under Courtesy of the Floor, and Bills and Resolutions on ~~introduction and~~ final passage.