

~~The Except as otherwise required in this City Code or by the laws of the State of Illinois, the passage of all ordinances for whatever purpose, and of any resolution or motion to create any liability against a city or for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, resolutions, or motions shall require the concurrence of a majority of all Aldermen the City Council present at a duly convened meeting of the City Council where a quorum was established, unless otherwise expressly provided by this code or any other act governing the passage of any ordinance, resolution, or motion. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the passage of an ordinance, resolution, or motion to designate city property as surplus and to establish the process for the disposition of such surplus city property shall require the concurrence of three fourths (¾) of all Aldermen then holding office. The process established in such ordinance, resolution or motion for the disposition of surplus city property may or may not require further City Council action. If further City Council action is required, the subsequent vote required by the City Council shall be set forth in the ordinance, resolution or motion declaring such city owned property as surplus and may be less than three fourths (¾) of all Aldermen then holding office.~~ The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of the designated ordinances, resolutions, or motions and recorded in the journal of the City Council. A member of the City Council may abstain from voting on an ordinance, resolution, or motion only if such member states on the record the basis for such abstention. If the basis supporting the abstention is a conflict or potential conflict of interest, such abstaining member(s) shall not be deemed present for purposes of determining the result of the vote . If the basis supporting the abstention is for a reason other than a conflict or a potential conflict of interest, such abstaining member shall be deemed present for purposes of determining the result of the vote. The Presiding Officer shall determine whether the abstention is for a conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or otherwise. This Section 31.58 represents an intentional difference from the procedure outlined in Robert's Rules of Order otherwise codified in Section 31.07."

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