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REFERRED TO: Rules and Public Policy Committee

SPONSOR: Councillor Mansfield

DIGEST: amends the Code to provide a procedure for cancellation of a council meeting due to severe weather or other emergency

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Mansfield

Drafted by: Fred Biesecker, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____ Date: January 23, 2014

CITY-COUNTY GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. , 2014

PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL ORDINANCE amending Section 151-4 of the Revised Code to provide a procedure for cancellation of a council meeting due to severe weather or other emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. Section 151-4 of the "Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County" is hereby amended by adding the underscored language, to read as follows:

Sec. 151-4. Days, time and place of regular meetings.

Regular meetings shall be held at least once each month on such dates and at such times as the council shall establish by resolution adopted at least forty-five (45) days prior to such meeting. If no such dates are so established, the regular meeting shall be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. prevailing local time, in the council chamber, on the second floor of the city-county building in Indianapolis. In the event that the date of the regular meeting is on a holiday observed by state law or local ordinance for employees of the consolidated city, the regular meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day that is not such a holiday nor a Saturday, or Sunday, unless the council, by a majority vote at a prior meeting, shall cancel the meeting or postpone it to another date. The time or place of any regular meeting may be changed by majority vote at a prior regular meeting.

In addition, in the event of severe weather or other emergency making it unsafe or impractical for councillors, staff, and the public to travel to or from a regular meeting, the meeting may be cancelled by a majority vote of the president, majority leader and minority leader of the council. This vote shall be documented by e-mail, text, or facsimile, and conference calls may be used for initial discussions.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2014, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Maggie A. Lewis
President, City-County Council

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council