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An Ordinance

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An Ordinance to amend Subdivision II, Section 2-98 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta; to amend Section 11.2 of the Rules for the Conduct of Business of the Atlanta City Council, so as to prohibit any items not appearing on the printed committee agenda from being placed on the Full Council Consent Agenda; and for other purposes

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: That Subdivision II, Subsection 2-98 Rules of Procedure which reads:

Sec. 2-98. Consent agenda.

(a) There shall be developed before each regular meeting of the city council, by the committee chairperson in conjunction with the municipal clerk and the appropriate staff person of the various committees, a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be made a part of the regular agenda and shall be considered a part thereof.

(b) The consent agenda shall include all routine items from the standing committees. These items must have a favorable report from any and all committees to which they were referred and the committee of its origin. The consideration of legislation on the consent agenda may be adopted with one motion, which shall be a roll call vote.

(c) Any member wishing to vote no or to abstain on a certain item should ask for the member's vote to be recorded as such during the roll call vote.

(d) The consent agenda portion of the printed agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note which shall read as follows:
"All matters listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of any item is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately."

(e) Items listed on the consent agenda shall be grouped first in accordance to the committee acting last on the legislation. Items shall be grouped secondly according to their designation as a resolution or an ordinance.

(f) Also included as a part of the consent agenda shall be legislation on first reading emanating from committees. This section of the consent agenda shall be grouped according to the committee from which it came and a notation on the consent agenda as to which committee the legislation should be referred.

Shall be amended to read:

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(a) There shall be developed before each regular meeting of the city council, by the committee chairperson in conjunction with the municipal clerk and the appropriate staff person of the various committees, a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be made a part of the regular agenda and shall be considered a part thereof.

(b) The consent agenda shall include all routine items from the standing committees. These items must have a **unanimous** favorable report **of the committee from which it came**. The consideration of legislation on the consent agenda may be adopted with one motion, which shall be a roll call vote.

(c) Any member wishing to vote no or to abstain on a certain item should ask for the member's vote to be recorded as such during the roll call vote.

(d) Except for ordinances designated for "First Reading", any item acted on by a committee which does not appear on the committee's printed agenda, shall be included in the Regular Report of said Standing Committee and shall not be placed on the Consent Agenda.

(e) The consent agenda portion of the printed agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note which shall read as follows:
"All matters listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of any item is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately."

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(g) Also included as a part of the consent agenda shall be legislation on first reading emanating from committees. This section of the consent agenda shall be grouped according to the committee from which it came and a notation on the consent agenda as to which committee the legislation should be referred.

Section 2: That Section 11.2 of the <u>Rules for the Conduct of Business for the Atlanta City Council</u> which reads:

"**Section 11.2:** Consent Agenda. There shall be developed before each regular meeting of the City Council, by the committee chairperson, in conjunction with the appropriate staff person of the various committee, a Consent Agenda shall be made a part of the regular Agenda, and shall be considered a part thereof.

The Consent Agenda shall include all routine items from the Standing Committee. These items must have a favorable report from any and all committees to which they were referred, and the committee of its origin. The consideration of legislation on the Consent Agenda shall be number ten on the list of the order of Business for the Atlanta City Council, and may be adopted within one motion.

Any member wishing to vote "no" or to "abstain" on a certain item should ask to be recorded as such.

The Consent Agenda portion of the printed Agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note; which shall read:

"All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of any item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Also included as part of the Consent Agenda shall be legislation on first reading emanating from committees. This Section of the Consent Agenda shall be labeled "For First Reading Only" and legislation shall be grouped according to the Committees from which it came and a notation on the Consent Agenda as to what committee the legislation should be referred.

Listing of Items on the Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda shall be grouped first in accordance to the committee acting last on the legislation. Items shall be grouped secondly according to their designation of "Resolution" or "Ordinance"."

BE AMENDED TO READ:

"**Section 11.2:** Consent Agenda. There shall be developed before each regular meeting of the City Council, by the committee chairperson, in conjunction with the appropriate staff person of the various committees, a Consent Agenda **which** shall be made a part of the regular Agenda, and shall be considered a part thereof.

The Consent Agenda shall include all routine items from the Standing Committees. These items must have a **<u>unanimous</u>** favorable report of the Committee from which it came. The consideration of legislation on the Consent Agenda may be adopted **<u>with</u>** one motion.

Any member wishing to vote "no" or to "abstain" on a certain item should ask to be recorded as such.

Except for ordinances designated for "First Reading", any item acted on by a committee which does not appear on the committee's printed agenda, shall be included in the Regular Report of said Standing Committee and shall not be placed on the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda portion of the printed Agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note; which shall read:

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Section 3: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.