

Tulsa City Council Rules & Order of Business

IX. MANNER OF ACTING

C. Councilor Ground Rules

Regarding official Council Meetings, a Councilor is expected to abide by the following without exception. Councilor ground rules are to be monitored and enforced by each and every Councilor. Any violation of a Ground Rule during a Council Meeting demands the immediate attention of the Council.

1. Private communications are prohibited among Councilors to discuss, deliberate, decide, or take action on any item of public business identified on a publicly posted meeting agenda while Councilors are participating in that posted Council meeting, or Council committee, subcommittee, or task force meeting.

~~1.2.~~ It is the Chair's responsibility to intercede if issues or proceedings get out of hand.

~~2.3.~~ Councilors must inform the Secretary of the Council (orally, in writing, or electronically) when they are leaving a regular Council Meeting should their departure occur prior to adjournment.

~~3.4.~~ If a proposed Agenda item affects a particular Council District, the Councilor of that District will be contacted first to see if he/she wishes to sponsor the item.

XIII. COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the City Council, as elected representatives of the citizens of Tulsa, dedicate themselves to the highest ideals of service, honor, professionalism, truth and integrity in all their public and personal relationships and respect the trust and confidence given them by the public and members of city, county, state and federal governments. Councilors pledge to be reasonable, responsible, positive, receptive and courteous in all their dealings, to devote their time, skills and energies to their elected office, and abide by all reasonable standards regarding conflict of interest and ethics as established by federal, state and local laws including the City of Tulsa's "Code of Ethics" as adopted by ordinance.

If a dispute arises between or among City Councilors regarding application of these Rules or any other rule or law regulating City Councilor conduct, the Councilor(s) asserting the dispute will notify the Council Chair and Vice Chair, who should make a good faith effort to mediate the dispute prior to the filing of any official request demand, claim, or action, unless the time for filing such request, demand, claim, or action would lapse or be waived by such notice and mediation. If the Chair and/or Vice Chair are the subject(s) of the dispute, the Councilor(s) asserting the dispute will notify one or two City Councilor(s) other than the Chair and/or Vice Chair with the most seniority on the Council by cumulative terms of office.