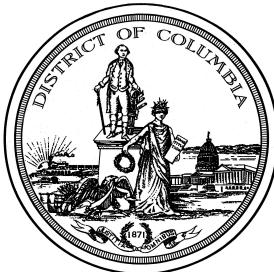


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

City Council



Ordinance No. 29-0004

Introduced by: Councilman ElijahJunaid

An ordinance for an Act entitled: “Proxy Regulation Act”

AN ACT to establish formal regulations governing the use of proxies within the District of Columbia City Council, pursuant to the authority granted in the Charter of the District of Columbia. This Act defines eligibility, recognition, and procedural standards for proxy participation in council proceedings.

Section 1 – Definitions

- a. Proxy refers to an individual designated by a sitting member of the City Council to act and vote on their behalf during official council proceedings.
- b. Legal Disability means any condition, status, or disqualification that renders a proxy ineligible to participate in council business under municipal, state, or federal law.
- c. BatCharter refers to the Charter of the District of Columbia, which authorizes the use and regulation of proxies under Article II, Section 4.

Section 2 – Eligibility and Recognition

- a. Every member of City Council is granted the use of a Proxy, provided that the Proxy has no legal disability. A Proxy shall be recognized as a voting member

present on behalf of the designated council member and shall be counted toward quorum and roll call votes.

- b. The Proxy must be formally registered with the Office of the Council Clerk prior to participation. Registration shall include the name of the Proxy, the name of the appointing council member, and the duration of authorization.

Section 3 – Limitations and Conduct

- a. A Proxy may not serve on behalf of more than one council member at a time. Proxies shall be subject to all rules of decorum, ethics, and procedure applicable to council members.
- b. Council members may revoke proxy authorization at any time by written notice to the Clerk of the Council. Proxies may not introduce legislation, preside over meetings, or cast tie-breaking votes.

Section 4 – Voting Alignment and Ethical Conduct

- a. A Proxy shall cast votes solely in accordance with the expressed will and instructions of the council member they represent.
- b. Prior to each vote, the council member must submit a written or recorded directive to the Proxy, which shall be filed with the Clerk of the Council for transparency and recordkeeping.
- c. Any deviation from the authorized voting position shall be considered a breach of council ethics and subject to disciplinary review.
- d. Proxies found to have voted contrary to the instructions of the appointing member may face immediate suspension and permanent disqualification from serving as a Proxy in future proceedings.
- e. Council members may also be held accountable for failure to provide clear directives or for knowingly authorizing a Proxy with a history of misconduct.

Section 5 – Oversight and Enforcement

- a. The City Council shall maintain oversight of proxy usage and may investigate any misuse, misconduct, or procedural violations. The City Council may suspend or permanently revoke proxy privileges for any Proxy found in violation of this Act or other governing rules.
- b. The City Council may amend this Act by majority vote to refine or expand proxy regulations as needed.

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