

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ATLANTA, GEORGIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CODE OF ORDINANCES, (GENERAL ORDINANCES), CHAPTER 2, (ADMINISTRATION), DIVISION 3. (STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES), SUBDIVISION I, (STANDING COMMITTEES), SECTION 2-133 (F) (OPERATIONS; PROCEDURES); TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND CODE SECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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**ORDINANCE
BY COUNCILMEMBER(S) HALL**

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WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta seeks to provide its citizens with an excellent level of meaningful transparency, oversight, and public participation with regard to the operation of Committees of the City Council of Atlanta;

WHEREAS, since at least 1998, all seven Standing Committees of the City Council of Atlanta have engaged in a practice of holding Committee Briefings prior to their respective Committee Meetings, in each committee cycle;

WHEREAS, the primary objective of these Committee Briefings is to brief the Chairperson of each Standing Committee regarding the procedural status of items on the agenda of the upcoming Committee Meeting, in order to promote more efficient Committee Meetings;

WHEREAS, numerous Atlanta citizens have expressed a desire for more consistency and transparency with respect to the operation of these Committee Briefings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta wishes to provide citizens with a more reliable and consistent set of procedures with respect to the operation of Committee Briefings.

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

SECTION 1: The Atlanta, Georgia Code of Ordinances Part II, Code of Ordinances, (General Ordinances, Chapter 2, (Administration), Division 3. (Standing and Other Committees), Subdivision I, (Standing Committees), Section 2-133 (f) (Operations; procedures) which currently provides as follows:

Sec. 2-133. - Operations; procedures.

(f) *Report of actions: public sessions.* No measure or recommendation shall be reported out of any committee unless a majority of the committee members are present at the time such action was taken. All hearings conducted by standing committees and select committees and all actions, including voting on measures, shall be conducted in open session with the public fully invited thereto.

Is hereby amended so as to provide as follows:

(f) *Report of actions: Georgia Open Records Act.* No measure or recommendation shall be reported out of any committee unless a majority of the committee members are present at the time such action was taken. All committee briefings, committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, hearings, and work sessions conducted by standing committees and select committees, shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1), and all actions, including voting on

measures, shall be conducted in open session with the public fully invited thereto.

Section 2: All ordinances and code sections or parts of ordinances and code sections in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of any such conflict.