

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley
Date of introduction: August 26, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-149

**TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 4
REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, from time to time, it becomes necessary to update or revise New
2 Castle County Council's Procedural Rules; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, 9 *Del. C.* Section 1152 requires proposed ordinances to be
5 introduced in writing; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, 9 *Del. C.* Section 1152 also authorizes County Council to adopt
8 Rules of Procedure; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, 9 *Del. C.* Section 1150 authorizes County Council to determine
11 its own Rules; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Council Rule of Procedure No. 4 provides for introduction of
14 ordinances by the Clerk of Council, which is achieved by reading the titles thereto
15 at the beginning of Council Meetings (Item D of the agenda); and

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17 **WHEREAS**, County Council endeavors to run its meetings as streamlined
18 and as efficiently as possible.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
21 Castle County that County Council hereby amends New Castle County Council
22 Procedural Rule No. 4 by adding the material that is underscored and deleting the
23 material that is stricken, as set forth below.

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25 **RULE NO. 4. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS...**

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27 4.3.4. Item D. Introduction of ordinances by Clerk of Council. After the Clerk has
28 commenced reading an ordinance by title, a motion may be made to treat
29 such reading as the full and complete introductory reading for that ordinance
30 and that the ordinance has thereby been formally introduced. Upon at least
31 a majority vote approving the motion, the reading shall be considered
32 complete and the ordinance shall be deemed as having been formally
33 introduced. After all ordinances have been introduced, the President shall
34 state that all ordinances shall be considered at the next regular Council
35 meeting with the exception of those ~~items~~ ordinances that require referral
36 and/or Board or Commission recommendations.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Council Rule of Procedure No. 4 provides for introduction of ordinances by the Clerk of Council, which is achieved by reading of the title thereto at the beginning of the Council Meeting, in part or in full as determined by County Council. Moreover, Council is authorized under Delaware Code to determine its Rules, and consistent therewith Council has the authority to determine and establish what qualifies for “introduction” of an ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: There is discernible fiscal impact with the adoption of this legislation.