

ORDINANCE 2024 - 13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SUNNYSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.09.070 TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR COUNCIL STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS TO ADHERE TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside has established Council standing subcommittees to address various matters and provide recommendations to the full council; and

WHEREAS, Sunnyside Municipal Code 2.09.070 currently requires that Council standing subcommittee meetings adhere to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), and; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes, that pursuant to existing federal and state law, standing committee, subcommittee and commission meetings are subject the OPMA, only when said standing committee, subcommittee or commission are exercising actual or de facto decision-making authority on behalf of the City and City Council and thus, not every committee, subcommittee and commission meeting is subject to the OPMA.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that removing the OPMA compliance requirement for subcommittee meetings will facilitate more effective and efficient discussions while still maintaining transparency through regular reporting to the full Council.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.09.070 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and

incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Except as amended in Exhibit "A", Chapter 2.09.070 of the Sunnyside Municipal Code shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED this 28th day of October 2024.



JORGE GALVAN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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EXHIBIT "A"

Chapter 2.09 COUNCIL STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

Sections:

2.09.070 Meetings.

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Subcommittees shall meet at such time as the chair/vice chair thereof or a majority of the subcommittee shall select, or by direction of the COTW at their discretion. ~~All meetings of all subcommittees as defined in this chapter shall be subject to the Washington Open Public Meetings Act as defined in Chapter 42.30 RCW.~~ [Ord. 2011-12 § 6, 2011; Ord. 2011-5 § 3, 2011; Ord. 2010-21 § 4, 2010; Ord. 2010-16 § 1 (Exh. A), 2010.]