

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2020 (AS), *First Reading*

By Council Member Seren

An Ordinance amending Section 111.13, “Action of Council,” of Chapter 111, *Council*, of Part One, Administrative Code, of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to streamline voting procedures by allowing Council to approve motions by voice vote.

WHEREAS, the current Section 111.13, “Action of Council,” of Chapter 111, *Council*, of Part One, Administrative Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights requires that votes be taken by ‘ayes’ and ‘nays’; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to Section 111.13 would help streamline Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the proposed amendment to Section 111.13 is in the best interest of the City, its residents, and the general goal of civic efficiency.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 111.13, “Action of Council,” of Chapter 111, *Council*, of Part One, Administrative Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Council shall act by ordinance or resolution duly adopted at a regular, special or emergency meeting. Each ordinance, resolution and motion shall require the concurrence of at least four (4) members of Council for its passage or adoption, ~~and the vote upon its passage or adoption shall be taken by "ayes" and "nays" and entered on the journal.~~ The vote upon its passage or adoption shall be taken by voice vote, and the vote of each member shall be individually entered on the journal, except that the presiding officer may require a roll call vote at his or her discretion. Further, a roll call vote shall be required whenever the vote is not unanimous, or for any motion to adjourn into executive session, or upon the request of any member of Council or the Clerk of Council, or when otherwise required by the Codified Ordinances or general law. In the event of a roll call vote, the vote taken by the “ayes” and “nays” shall be entered upon the journal.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time possible permitted by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2020 (AS)

---

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor  
President of the Council

---

AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 1, 2020