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**ORDINANCE NO.: 2021-097**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Sec. 2-9 and Article II, Mayor, Council and City Manager, Sec. 2-51*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General Sec. 2-9 and Oaths of mayor and council members; Article III, Mayor, Council and City Manager, Sec. 2-51 are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-9. - Oaths of mayor and council members.**

The mayor and council members before entering upon the duties of their respective offices shall take the following oaths:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the constitution of this state, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof and preserve, protect and defend the constitution of this state and of the United States.

"As mayor (or council member) of the City of Columbia, I will equally, fairly and impartially, to the best of my ability and skill, exercise the trust reposed in me, and will use my best endeavor to preserve the peace and carry into effect according to law the purposes for which I have been elected. So help me God."

The oath of office shall be administered on or after January 1 following the election and the effective date of service shall be date the oath was administered.

( Ord. No. 2016-042, 6-21-16 )

**Sec. 2-51. - Meetings; time and place of regular meetings; special meetings; meetings to be open to public.**

(a) A meeting is the convening of a quorum of council, as defined by Sec. 2-54, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the city council has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

(b) To allow the vetting of complex issues, city council schedules work sessions the day of regularly or other scheduled meetings. The time and location of work sessions are subject to meeting notice requirements and are posted on the city's web site. Work sessions are public meetings.

(c) Regular meetings of the council shall be held at 4:00 p.m. at city hall on the first and third Tuesdays in each month unless changed by a majority vote of members present at any meeting.

Council may also decide by a majority vote of members present at any meeting to hold a regular meeting in a different location.


(d) Special meetings of the council may be held on the call of the mayor or of a majority of the members. Notice of a special meeting shall be given and posted 24 hours prior to the meeting to all members, the news media and the public by the city clerk.

(e) All regular, special and emergency meetings of the council shall be open to the public.


( Ord. No. 2016-042, 6-21-16 )

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council \_\_\_\_\_


  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

ATTEST:

  
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City Attorney

  
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City Clerk

Introduced: 12/7/2021

Final Reading: 12/21/2021