

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code by Repealing Sections 2-47 and 2-48 Relating to the City Council Finance Committee
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Issue

Sections 2-47 and 2-48 of the City Code establish a standing finance committee of the City Council and assign that committee certain responsibilities relating to the City's finances. The finance committee described in these provisions is no longer utilized, and the responsibilities described in these sections are carried out through other established administrative and governance processes. The proposed ordinance repeals these outdated provisions in order to ensure the City Code accurately reflects the City's current governance structure and practices.

Background / Rule

Sections 2-47 and 2-48 were adopted at a time when municipal governing bodies commonly relied on standing committees of council members to review and report on specific areas of city operations. Under these provisions, the mayor was required to appoint a three-member finance committee of the City Council, which was tasked with investigating and reporting on matters relating to the City's finances, debts, revenues, and assets. The finance committee was also responsible for approving certain surety bonds of city officials and employees.

Under the City's current council–manager form of government, the financial administration of the City is carried out by the City Manager and the Finance Department. Oversight of the City's finances occurs through the annual budget process, regular financial reporting to City Council, and independent auditing requirements. As a result, the standing finance committee contemplated by these provisions is no longer utilized, and the duties described in these sections are performed through other established mechanisms.

Analysis

The provisions establishing a City Council finance committee are outdated and no longer reflect the City's current governance practices. Maintaining these provisions in the City Code may create confusion about the City's financial oversight structure, particularly because the committee described in the Code is not currently utilized.

Repealing these sections will remove obsolete provisions and ensure the City Code more accurately reflects the City's current council–manager system and modern financial management practices.

Financial Impact

The proposed ordinance is a housekeeping amendment to the City Code and will have **no fiscal impact** on the City.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the proposed ordinance repealing City Code §§ 2-47 and 2-48 in order to remove outdated provisions relating to the City Council finance committee and ensure that the City Code accurately reflects the City's current governance and financial management practices.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to adopt the ordinance repealing City Code §§ 2-47 and 2-48 relating to the City Council finance committee.

Attachments

1. Ordinance Repealing 2-47 and 2-48 of the City code