

ORDINANCE NO. 679

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08, RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
SECTION 2.08.060, PRESIDING OFFICER.**

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 2.08.060 of the Troutdale Municipal Code contains the council rules. These rules were adopted in July, 1994. When the rules were adopted, the Troutdale Charter and Troutdale Municipal code only allowed the Mayor to vote on issues to break a tie vote of the council members.
2. In the November 1994 election, the City adopted amendments to the Troutdale Charter. One of the areas of the Charter that was amended was Chapter IV, Section 18. According to Section 18, the Mayor presides over deliberations at council meetings, preserves order, enforces the council rules, determines the order of business and is a voting member of the council. With these changes in the Charter, it was the City's intent that the Mayor be allowed to vote and participate in advocacy on issues that are brought before the council.
3. Since the Troutdale Charter was amended, the council rules have not been updated. As a result, the council rules do not explicitly recognize the Mayor's ability to vote on issues and they do not allow the Mayor to participate in advocacy on issues that come before the council.
4. Since the Charter grants the Mayor authority to vote on issues that come before the council, we believe the council rules should be revised to make it clear the Mayor may participate in advocacy on issues that come before the council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TROUTDALE:**

Section 1. Chapter 2.08, Rules of the City Council, Section 2.08.060, Presiding Officer is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 8.24

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

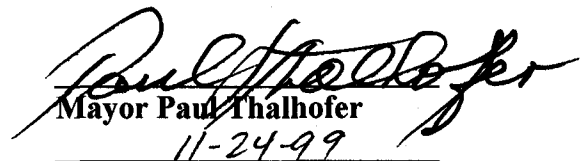
Article II. The Conduct of Council Meetings

2.08.060 Presiding Officer.

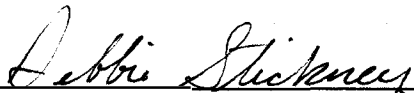
The mayor is the presiding officer of the council. In the mayor's absence from a council meeting the council president presides. In the absence of both the mayor and council president,

the council appoints a presiding officer for the meeting. The presiding officer preserves order at council meetings, recognizes speakers and decides all questions of order. The presiding officer may vote on an issue that is before the council and may participate in debate. The presiding officer shall not make motions but may second motions. The presiding officer shall remain neutral and avoid favoritism in making rulings and performing the functions of presiding officer. Any ruling of the presiding officer on a question of order is subject to appeal to the council by any two councilors. A councilor may speak more than once any such appeal only with permission of the council.

YEAS 6
NAYS 0
ABSTAINED 0


Mayor Paul Thalhofer

11-24-99
Dated



Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

November 23, 1999

Adopted