

ARTICLE 10 Ordinances

Section 1. Enacting Clause The enacting clause of all ordinances hereafter enacted shall be: The People of the City of Ashland do ordain as follows:".

Section 2. Mode of Enactment

(a) Except as the second and third paragraphs of this Section provide to the contrary, every ordinance of the Council shall, before being put upon its final passage, be read first fully and distinctly in open Council meeting and then on a different date by title only, unless a Council member or the public requests that it be read in full for a second time, and it shall then be read fully and distinctly.

(b) Provided all conditions set forth in Paragraph (C) have been met, an ordinance may be enacted at a single meeting of the Council by unanimous vote of all Council members present upon being read first in full and then by title.

(c) The first reading may be by title alone if no Council member present at the meeting, or the public, requests to have the ordinance read in full, and if a copy of the ordinance is provided for each Council member and three (3) copies are provided for public inspection in the office of the City Recorder not later than one (1) week before the first reading of the ordinance and if notice of their availability is given forthwith upon the filing, by written notice posted at the City Hall and by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and published in the City. An ordinance enacted after being read by title alone may have no legal effect if it differs substantially from its terms as it was thus filed prior to such reading, unless each section incorporating such a difference is read fully and distinctly in open Council meeting as finally amended prior to being approved by the Council.

(d) Upon the final vote on an ordinance, the ayes and nays of the members shall be taken and entered into the record of the proceedings.

(e) Upon the enactment of an ordinance, the Recorder shall sign it with the date of its passage and his/her name and the title of his/her office, except as provided in Article IV, Section 3.

Section 3. When Ordinances Take Effect An ordinance enacted by the Council shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day after its enactment. When the Council deems it advisable, however, an ordinance may provide a later time for it to take effect; and, in case of emergency, it may take effect immediately.