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Offered by: PRESIDENT SOMMERVILLE & COUNCILMAN FUSCO

ORDINANCE NO. 372 -2023 amending and/or supplementing Title 3, Chapter 30 "Mayor and Council," Section 30.01 "Meetings" of the Akron Codified Ordinances in order to provide for safe, accessible, and efficient City Council Meetings; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Title 3, Chapter 30 "Mayor and Council," Section 30.01 "Meetings" of the Akron Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

30.01 – Meetings.

**All attendees of Council meetings shall be subject to security screening prior to entering the Council chambers of the municipal building. No attendee shall bring prohibited items into Council chambers. If a security screening reveals that an individual is in possession of a prohibited item or items, the individual shall remove the prohibited item from the municipal building prior to entering Council chambers. The following items are prohibited in Council chambers:**

- A. Backpacks and bags larger than 12" x 6" x 12;"**
- B. Banners, flags, posters, or signs;**
- C. Whistles, horns, or noisemakers of any kind;**
- D. Smoking or vaping devices;**
- E. Laser pointers.**

~~Council shall hold its regular meetings in the Council chambers of the municipal building on each and every Monday at 7:00 p.m., except that whenever the regular meetings of Council fall on a legal holiday, Council shall meet in regular session on the Tuesday following at the regular appointed time and place of meeting. However, Council may, at any regular meeting, or a special meeting legally called, recess to a time other than its next regular meeting as provided herein.~~

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary to ensure that the City has a clear, concise, and non-duplicative Code and to provide for safe and efficient Council meetings, and provided this ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed December 4, 2023

Dona R. Biviano  
Clerk of Council

Ray Samuels  
President of Council

Approved 12/5, 2023

[Signature]  
MAYOR