



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 17, 2024

Re: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it Relates to the Duties and Membership Requirements of the Public Transportation Advisory Commission

## Executive Summary

At the request of the City Council, an ordinance has been prepared amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the duties and membership requirements of the Public Transportation Advisory Commission.

## Discussion

At the April 1, 2024 meeting, the City Council made a motion to request an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the City Code as requested by the Public Transportation Advisory Commission be prepared. The bill submitted for council consideration conforms to the request of the Commission, with the exception of the request to modify the quorum language to provide for a quorum to be a simple majority.

In this instance the Commission consists of 13 members. A quorum is a simple majority of the members, or 51% - which is seven members. The current language in the City Code stipulates a quorum is seven members, which is the same as a simple majority. In determining a simple majority, the majority view is that the whole number entitled to membership must be counted and not merely the remaining members. Thus, vacant positions are included in the calculation to determine the requirement to obtain a simple majority to achieve a quorum. Removal of the number seven as a minimum number for a quorum might make individuals believe that an incomplete roster of members allows for a quorum of less than 50% of the membership to accomplish a quorum. To avoid any confusion, staff did not make this recommended amendment.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts; Equity Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts: Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts: Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## Legislative History

Date	Action
4/1/2024	REP 24-24: Communication from the Public Transit Advisory Commission relating to its establishing legislation.

## Suggested Council Action

No staff recommendation.