



## COUNCIL ACTIONS

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The City Council renders its decisions in one of three ways:

- An **ordinance** creates or changes City laws. Most ordinances become part of the Municipal Code. Ordinances require a first and second reading and become effective thirty days after the second reading, except for urgency ordinances. Under certain circumstances, the Council may pass an urgency ordinance which becomes effective immediately. Urgency ordinances must have a 4/5 vote of the City Council if related to public peace, health or safety. An ordinance can be amended or repealed only by another ordinance.
- A **resolution** expresses Council policy or direction to the City Manager. It requires a majority vote and is usually effective immediately. Unlike an ordinance, a resolution requires only one reading and may be changed by a subsequent resolution.
- A **motion** is the most informal official action. A motion is used to signify majority approval of procedural action or to authorize action on routine items of business. A motion may also direct City staff regarding administrative matters.