

1 [Amending the Rules of Order of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.]

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3 **Motion amending Rules 1.1, 2.9, 2.18, 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, and 5.35 of the Rules of Order of the**
4 **Board of Supervisors to reflect the change of the regular meeting day from Monday to**
5 **Tuesday and deadlines related thereto.**

6 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
7 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco passed
10 Motion No. 02-159 which requires the scheduling of regular meetings of the Board of
11 Supervisors on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., instead of Mondays at 2 p.m., effective February 3, 2003;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco hereby
14 amends Rules 1.1, 2.9, 2.18, 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, and 5.35 of the Rules of Order of the Board of
15 Supervisors, in order to comply with change of meeting days, to read as follows:

16 **1.1. Public Testimony and Communications Encouraged.** a) The policy of the City and
17 County of San Francisco and of the Board of Supervisors (Board) is to encourage and permit
18 public testimony before legislative action is taken by the Board. b) Members of the public are
19 encouraged to write to the Board concerning municipal issues. When written communications
20 addressed to the Board are received, the Clerk of the Board shall list them on the rear of the
21 next available printed Board agenda. Communications received prior to each ~~Wednesday~~
22 Monday noon shall be listed on the printed agenda for the second following ~~Monday~~ Tuesday
23 (except when a holiday occurs). Communications relating to matters pending before the
24 Board or one of its committees shall be placed in the file concerning that matter. c) Persons
25 speaking before the Board or a Board committee shall confine their remarks to the question

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1 before the Board or committee. d) Although the Board welcomes public testimony, either at
2 Committee meetings or at full Board meetings, persons in the audience shall not vocally
3 express support or opposition to statements by Supervisors or by persons testifying.
4 Applause and offensive acts are prohibited. In order to protect public safety and the rights of
5 all audience members to observe Board proceedings, persons shall not bring signs into the
6 Legislative Chamber (Chamber) nor display signs in the Chamber. Small signs, however,
7 may be worn on clothing. Persons shall be prohibited from the usage and ringing of cell
8 phones, pagers, or other electronic communication devices in Board and Committee
9 meetings.

10 **2.9 Time Limits:** When the Clerk of the Board receives proposed legislation for
11 consideration by the Board, in writing and in the form prescribed by the Clerk of the Board
12 before 12:00 noon of the ~~Wednesday~~ Monday preceding the second following ~~regular Monday~~
13 Tuesday regular meeting (or next regular Board meeting if the ~~Monday~~ Tuesday meeting is
14 canceled or rescheduled) of the Board, the Clerk of the Board shall print the title of the
15 measure at the rear of the ~~Monday~~ second following Tuesday agenda meeting (or next regular
16 Board meeting if the ~~Monday~~ Tuesday meeting is canceled or rescheduled)

17 **2.18 Action by the Mayor.** Within 10 calendar days of receipt of legislation, the Mayor
18 shall return the legislation to the Clerk of the Board. When the Mayor receives the legislation
19 on a ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday, the Mayor has until ~~Friday~~ Saturday midnight of the following week
20 to return the Legislation to the Clerk of the Board. When a holiday results in a Board meeting
21 on ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday and transmittal of legislation to the Mayor on ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday,
22 the Mayor has until midnight ~~Saturday~~ Sunday of the following week to return the legislation to
23 the Clerk of the Board. The Mayor has three choices. The Mayor may:

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1 **3.7 New Business.** This item includes legislation reported to the full Board by Board
2 committees prior to 9:00 a.m. on the ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday preceding the ~~Monday~~ Tuesday
3 Board meeting.

4 **3.8 Committee Reports on Urgent Legislation.** As an exception to the New Business
5 rule, legislation deemed by a committee to be of an urgent nature, which is heard after the
6 9:00 a.m. ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday deadline, may be considered by the Board as a committee
7 report if the chair has anticipated such finding and requested the Clerk of the Board to include
8 the item on the printed agenda under Committee Reports at the end of New Business.

9 **3.11 Adoption without Committee Reference Agenda.** The Board may consider
10 resolutions for immediate, unanimous, adoption without reference to committee which are
11 presented to the Clerk of the Board by a Supervisor or the Mayor at the previous week's
12 Board meeting or prior to ~~12:00 noon~~ 9:00 a.m. the Wednesday before a Board meeting. The
13 President shall inquire whether any Supervisors wish to discuss or object to any of the
14 resolutions presented for immediate adoption. Resolutions to which there is an objection shall
15 be referred to committee unless withdrawn by the Sponsor. The roll then shall be called on
16 the resolutions as a group. The Board may also consider motions for immediate adoption
17 without reference to committee, six yes votes being required for adoption, which are
18 presented to the Clerk of the Board by a Supervisor or the Mayor at the previous week's
19 Board meeting or prior to ~~12:00 noon~~ 9:00 a.m. the Wednesday before a Board meeting.

20 **5.35 Meetings on Mondays Tuesday.** No committee meeting shall commence on a
21 ~~Monday~~ Tuesday after 12:30 p.m., or continue past 2:00 p.m. on a ~~Monday~~ Tuesday (or
22 ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday when the regular meeting of the Board falls on that day because of a
23 holiday) without the express permission of the President of the Board.

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