

ORDINANCE NO. 2412

INTRODUCED BY: ALLEN-THOMAS, DAVIS, DOUGLAS, FORD, GRIMES, HURST,  
HUSEMAN, MADERA, NOBLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2003 "TIME OF ADJOURNMENT" OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTOMATICALLY CAUSE ALL REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND STUDY SESSIONS TO AUTOMATICALLY ADJOURN AT 10:30 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE EXTENDED

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce, on September 21, 2020, adopted Ordinance 2290 establishing Section 2-2003 of the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code ("CCRMC"); and

WHEREAS, Subpart B of CCRMC § 2-2003 contains a 4½ hour limit on meeting length which has proven to cause administrative difficulties based on variations in meeting start times; and

WHEREAS, the current length limit has caused confusion amongst Councilmembers, staff, meeting attendees, and the public with regard to when a meeting must be extended to avoid automatic adjournment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting length, limits on when a meeting may be extended and for what length of time have caused the need to repeatedly interrupt proceedings to extend meetings; and

WHEREAS, for the sake of clarity to the public and to promote more efficient and organized public meeting, the City Council of City of Commerce City finds it necessary to amend CCRMC § 2-2003 to establish a definitive time of adjournment at 10:30 p.m. unless otherwise extended and to allow such extension to occur as necessitated by the particular facts and circumstances of the meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The recitals to this ordinance are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This ordinance is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

**SECTION 2.** Section 2-2003 is amended, as specifically set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, to change the time of adjournment at 10:30 p.m. unless extended and to allow extensions to occur in various increments of time.

**SECTION 3. Repealer.** All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective as provided in the City Charter.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED  
THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY 2022.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED  
THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

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Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk