



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

January 28, 2025

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AGENDA ITEM

25-015 - Resolution to Make Medford City Council Meetings More Business Friendly

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS businesses must come before the City Council to request approval to open new storefronts from time to time, and;

WHEREAS small business storefronts in our corridors, squares, and business districts foster a sense of community that our residents desire, allow our residents to shop small and local, and bring needed revenue to the City, and;

WHEREAS we want business owners to understand and believe that Medford as a City is friendly to small businesses

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Medford City Council's regular meeting agendas will hear petitions from businesses prior to resolutions made by members of the City Council

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rule 19 of the Medford City Council be amended as follows:

"The filing of petitions shall be reserved only for matters requiring Council action per law, including but not limited to special permits, grants of location, sign variances, and common victualler licenses. Only petitions filed meeting this criteria shall be assigned a Council Paper Number. Such hearings and petitions shall be heard immediately after the reading of Council reports and before motions, orders, and resolutions sponsored by Council members."

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None