

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SEVENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-26-7 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña

1 ORDINANCE

2 AMENDING ROA 1994, SECTION 2-1-10 REPEALING THE “ADMINISTRATION
3 QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD”.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6 SECTION 1. ROA 1994, Section 2-1-10 is hereby amended as follows:
7 § 2-1-10 MAYOR.

8 ~~[(A)]~~ The Mayor, or the Mayor’s representative, shall be present at the
9 hearings on the Mayor’s proposed budget to answer questions about the
10 budget. The City Attorney, or the City Attorney’s designated representative,
11 shall be present at all meetings of the City Council.

12 ~~[(B) Administration Question and Answer Period. The Mayor, or the~~
13 ~~Mayor’s representative, shall respond to all questions asked by City~~
14 ~~Councilors during the “Administration Question and Answer Period” during~~
15 ~~meetings of the City Council.~~

16 ~~— (1) For questions submitted to the Administration at least one business~~
17 ~~day prior to the City Council meeting, verbal answers shall be provided during~~
18 ~~the City Council meeting. If a verbal answer to a pre-submitted question is not~~
19 ~~provided during the City Council meeting, the Administration shall provide a~~
20 ~~written response that shall be due to the Council one (1) business day~~
21 ~~following the meeting at which the question is asked.~~

22 ~~— (2) For all other questions, including new questions asked during a~~
23 ~~City Council meeting, if verbal answers are not provided during the meeting,~~
24 ~~the Administration shall provide written responses that shall be due to the~~
25 ~~Council 7 business days following the meeting at which the questions are~~
26 ~~asked.~~

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1 ~~—(3) The Council Services Department shall make all questions and~~
2 ~~answers accessible to the public on the City Council website.~~

3 ~~—(4) The written responses outlined in this ordinance are only required~~
4 ~~when a Councilor asks a question that has a factual, objective answer, such as~~
5 ~~a request for tangible information and/or data. Written responses are not~~
6 ~~required when a Councilor asks a question that has only a subjective,~~
7 ~~philosophical, or opinion-based answer.]~~

8 **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
9 word or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or
10 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
11 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Council
12 hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section,
13 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
14 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

15 **SECTION 3. COMPILATION.** SECTION 1 of this Ordinance amends, is
16 incorporated in, and is to be compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of
17 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

18 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance takes effect five days after
19 publication by title and general summary.
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