



ORDINANCE

DESIGNATING THE MOTIONS “LAY ON THE TABLE” AND “TAKE FROM THE TABLE” AS DEBATABLE IN COMMITTEE

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

The City of Nashua ordains that Part 1 “Administrative Legislation”; Chapter 5 “Administration of Government”, Part 2 “Board of Aldermen”; Article III “Rules and Order of Business”, Section 5-24 “Other applicable rules” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by adding the new underlined language as follows:

“§ 5-24. Other applicable rules.

...

C. The motions “take from the table” and “lay on the table” shall be debatable in standing and ad hoc committees of the board of aldermen.”

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2008

ORDINANCE: 0-08-53

PURPOSE: Designating the motions "lay on the table" and "take from the table" as debatable in committee

ENDORSER(S): Alderman-at-Large Fred S. Teeboom

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This ordinance provides that motions to take from the table or lay on the table are debatable at the committee level. Neither of these motions is debatable under Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (§ 82). At present, all motions, debatable or not, are subject to inquiry in accordance with Mason's Section 85. NRO 5-15 (c).

Another piece of legislation is also being introduced that would add a new subsection C to NRO 5-24. If both of these pieces of legislation pass, one should be designated subsection C and one should be designated subsection D.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dorothy Clarke

Date: 20 November 2008

