

# **SANFORD CHARTER**

## **ARTICLE II CITY COUNCIL**

### **Section 214. Public Hearing on Ordinances**

A proposed ordinance may be introduced in writing by any Councilor to the agenda of any regular or special meeting of the Council. Upon introduction of a proposed ordinance, the Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Councilor and to the City Manager; shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the Clerk, the Library, and the City of Sanford's website; and shall cause to be published, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City, the wording of the proposed ordinance or a title descriptive of its contents and purpose, together with notice of the time and place of public hearing thereon. The public hearing shall follow the publication by at least ten (10) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special meeting of the Council and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. An ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Council or at such later time as it may specify. After the hearing the Council may adopt the ordinance with or without amendment or reject it; but in no case shall the ordinance be adopted or rejected in less than fourteen (14) days after the public hearing. If an ordinance is amended so as to change substantially its meaning, the Council may not adopt it until the ordinance or its amended sections have been subjected to all the procedures required in the case of a newly introduced ordinance. The above procedure may be waived only as provided in the following section dealing with emergency ordinances. The Council may enact rules controlling re-introduction of defeated ordinances.