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Title:	Ordinance Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2026 May Primary Election a referendum question, "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article Three, Legislative Branch, be amended by changing public hearing notice requirements to adjust the public hearing notice requirements in light of changes in the public's consumption of newspapers of general circulation and increased use of digital media?"		
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2/12/2026	2	Mayor	Signed by the Mayor	
2/10/2026	2	City Council	Passed Finally, As Amended	Pass
2/10/2026	2	City Council	AMENDED	Pass
2/4/2026	1	Standing Committees	Held in Committee	Pass
2/4/2026	1	Standing Committees	Affirmatively Recommended	Pass
2/4/2026	1	Standing Committees	RESCINDED	Pass
1/28/2026	1	Standing Committees	Held in Committee	Pass
1/27/2026	1	Committee on Hearings and Policy	Public Hearing Held	
1/13/2026	1	City Council	Held for Cablecast Public Hearing	Pass
1/13/2026	1	City Council	Read and referred	

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Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Allegheny County Board of Elections is hereby directed to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2025 May Primary Election a referendum question:

"Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article Three, Legislative Branch, be amended by changing public

hearing notice requirements to adjust the public hearing notice requirements in light of changes in the public's consumption of newspapers of general circulation and increased use of digital media?"

§ 319 - Legislation Requiring Prior Public Hearing.

Council shall not take final action on the following types of legislation without a public hearing which shall be held not less than ten days following public notice published in a newspaper of general circulation or, if no such newspaper exists, via successor media that reasonably ensures public access, including the City's official website and a digital news publication(s) of general circulation:

- a. Salary;
- b. Appropriation or budget matter;
- c. Land use control, such as zoning, subdivision or planning;
- d. New taxes or increases in the rate of existing taxes;
- e. Creation of an authority or quasi-public agency;
- f. Increase in the amount making a sealed bid procedure unnecessary on contracts; or
- g. Election of all council members at large or by district.