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TITLE: EMPHASIZING A BROADER USE OF “SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER” AND “STANDING RULES”.

RATIONALE: The way page 27 is currently written, it appears that the SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER and STANDING RULES apply only when amending bylaws. This is not the case. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER and STANDING RULES can apply in many situations. By giving those two categories more emphasis, it gives us the opportunity to clarify a possible numbering issue and also gives emphasis to their broader use in several situations.

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

- 1. Elevate “SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER” to its own category—ARTICLE XIII: SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER.**
- 2. Since letter bullets usually appear under SECTION numbers, not directly under ARTICLES, delete the bullet letter formatting under Special Rules of Order and present it in paragraph form similar to the structure under ARTICLE XII: Bylaws Amendment.**
- 3. Elevate “STANDING RULES” to its own category—ARTICLE XIV: STANDING RULES.**
- 4. Since letter bullets usually appear under SECTION numbers, not directly under ARTICLES, delete the bullet letter formatting under Standing Rules and present it in paragraph form similar to the structure under ARTICLE XII: Bylaws Amendment.**

See side 2 for a comparison of the current manuscript and how it will appear if approved.

CURRENTLY READS:

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the District by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the members in writing at the previous regular meeting and has been included in the meeting notice, or otherwise sent by mail or electronic mail no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. Any bylaw amendment achieving ratification will become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which ratification occurs.

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

- A. May be suspended at any meeting by a 2/3 vote.
- B. May be amended by a 2/3 vote when previous notice is given.

SECTION 1: DEBATE

- A. A maximum of five speakers are allowed for the affirmative and negative side of the debate for a debatable pending question.
- B. No member may speak on any pending question longer than three minutes.
- C. After a voting member has spoken once on a pending question, he may not speak again on the pending question until everyone else has had the opportunity to speak upon such question.
- D. If a member speaks a second time on the pending question, he must be limited to one minute.
- E. No member may speak more than twice on any pending question.

STANDING RULES

- A. May be adopted or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote.
- B. May be amended at any meeting with a 2/3 vote.
- C. If previous notice has been given, only a majority vote is needed to amend.

SECTION 1: REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

PROPOSED CHANGES:

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the District by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the members in writing at the previous regular meeting and has been included in the meeting notice, or otherwise sent by mail or electronic mail no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. Any bylaw amendment achieving ratification will become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which ratification occurs.

ARTICLE XIII: SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Special Rules of order may be suspended at any meeting by a 2/3 vote, and Special Rules of order may be amended by a 2/3 vote when previous notice is given. **(Remove letter bulleting and present as a paragraph).**

SECTION 1: DEBATE

- A. A maximum of five speakers are allowed for the affirmative and negative side of the debate for a debatable pending action.
- B. No member may speak on any pending question longer than three minutes.
- C. After a voting member has spoken once on a pending question, he may not speak again on the pending question until everyone else has had the opportunity to speak upon such question.
- D. If a member speaks a second time on the pending question, he must be limited to one minute.
- E. No member may speak more than twice on any pending question.

ARTICLE XIV: STANDING RULES

Standing Rules may be adopted or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote, and standing Rules of Order may be amended at any meeting with a 2/3 vote. If previous notice has been given, only a majority vote is needed to amend. **(Remove letter bulleting and present as a paragraph).**

SECTION 1: REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

**ARTICLE XIV: STANDING RULES SECTION 1,
PAGE 27 THROUGH SECTION 5 PAGE 31
REMAIN THE SAME AS ORIGINAL**