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## **Resolution to Amend City Council Rules**

**WHEREAS** the City Council of the City of Methuen is charged with the responsibility of administering all business that comes before its members in an efficient, informative, and thorough manner, and;

**WHEREAS** during the course of administering said business the same must be conducted free of any actual or perceived coercion or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS** at times either through public interest or happenstance the Great Hall, where the City Council normally conducts its meetings, is filled to or beyond capacity with attendees and said hall having insufficient room to accommodate the same; and

**WHEREAS** in said instances attendees are required to either stand in whatever space is reasonably available in said hall or in the corridors adjacent to the same;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Rule XI(c) of the Methuen City Council Rules and Procedures is hereby amended by adding thereto after the first sentence the following:

“While the City Council is in session, no person, except the elected members of the City Council, Mayor, City Accountant, City Solicitor and Council Clerk shall be allowed in that area known as the “Council floor” which consists of that area directly behind the podium to the back area of chairs of the members of City Council. Said area is for the exclusive use of the above-referenced officials and any authorized staff members allowed on the council floor to directly communicate with a council or official as permitted by the Chairperson.”