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**Simplified Chart of Parliamentary Motions**

**Move it, amend it, and refer it or postpone it or vote on it**

| Motion  | Debatable | Amendable | Vote Required             |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 8. Adjourn  | No        | No        | Majority                  |
| 7. Recess   | No        | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 6. Close Debate   | No        | No        | 2/3                       |
| 5. Postpone Definitely  | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 4. Refer to Committee   | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 3. Amend the Amendment  | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| 2. Amend or Substitute  | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 1. Main Motion (Resolution)   | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| Reconsider  | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| Rescind   | Yes       | Yes       | Majority<br>(with notice) |
| <b>Motions Dealing with General Conduct of Meeting<br/>No Order of Precedence</b> |           |           |                           |
| Point of Order  | No        | No        | None                      |
| Parliamentary Inquiry   | No        | No        | None                      |
| Appeal from the Decision of the Chair   | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| Division of the Assembly  | No        | No        | None                      |
| Suspend the Rules   | No        | No        | 2/3                       |
| Divide a Motion   | No        | Yes       | Majority                  |
| Withdraw or Modify a Motion   | No        | No        | Majority                  |

From **Notes and Comments on Robert's Rules**, by Jon Ericson, Southern Illinois University Press, 1991

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| Motion                              | Requires<br>Second | Debatable | Amendable | Vote<br>Required          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| <b>Privileged Motions</b>           |                    |           |           |                           |
| 14. Fix Time to Which to Adjourn    | Yes                | No        | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 13. Adjourn                         | Yes                | No        | No        | Majority                  |
| 12. Recess                          | Yes                | No        | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 11. Raise a Question of Privilege   | No                 | No        | No        | None                      |
| 10. Call for the Orders of the Day  | No                 | No        | No        | None                      |
| <b>Subsidiary Motions</b>           |                    |           |           |                           |
| 9. Lay on the Table                 | Yes                | No        | No        | Majority                  |
| 8. Call for the Previous Question   | Yes                | No        | No        | 2/3                       |
| 7. Limit or Extend Limits of Debate | Yes                | No        | Yes       | 2/3                       |
| 6. Postpone Definitely              | Yes                | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 5. Refer to Committee               | Yes                | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 4. Amend the Amendment              | Yes                | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| 3. Amend or Substitute              | Yes                | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| 2. Postpone Indefinitely            | Yes                | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| <b>Main Motions</b>                 |                    |           |           |                           |
| 1. Original                         |                    |           |           |                           |
| Main Motion (Resolution)            | Yes                | Yes       | Yes       | Majority                  |
| Bring a Question Again              |                    |           |           |                           |
| Reconsider                          | Yes                | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| Take from the Table                 | Yes                | No        | No        | Majority                  |
| Rescind                             | Yes                | Yes       | Yes       | Majority<br>(with notice) |
| <b>Incidental Motions</b>           |                    |           |           |                           |
| <i>No order of precedence</i>       |                    |           |           |                           |
| Parliamentary Inquiry               | No                 | No        | No        | None                      |
| Point of Order                      | No                 | No        | No        | None                      |
| Appeal from Decision of the Chair   | Yes                | Yes       | No        | Majority                  |
| Division of the Assembly            | No                 | No        | No        | None                      |
| Suspend the Rules                   | Yes                | No        | No        | 2/3                       |
| Modify or Withdraw a Motion         | No                 | No        | No        | Majority                  |
| Divide a Motion                     | Yes                | No        | Yes       | Majority                  |
| Point of Information                | No                 | No        | No        | None                      |
| Create a Blank                      | Yes                | No        | No        | Majority                  |
| Object to Consideration             | No                 | No        | No        | 2/3                       |