

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council has adopted Rules of Procedure by which it maintains its operation, pursuant to Referendum Ordinance 1852, Section 1, Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Private Act of 1905, Chapter 54 of the City of Memphis Charter, the Council may determine the rules for its procedure and may prescribe the punishment for its members for nonattendance or disorderly conduct, and shall have power to enforce the same; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it becomes necessary to amend said rules to ensure that Council Members are able to conduct the business of the City of Memphis efficiently and effectively, and it is proper that such amendments be officially approved by the legislative body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Memphis that the Council Rules of Procedure, specifically Rule 28, as presently adopted, be and the same are hereby amended as follows:

C. PROCEEDINGS IN COUNCIL MEETINGS (22 through 34)

28. No one other than a Council Member may address the Council, except with the permission of the Chairperson, or as otherwise permitted under these Rules of Procedure. The Chairperson's ruling under this Rule 28 may be appealed to Council in the same manner as any other ruling. **Members of the public wishing to address the Council on an agenda item shall sign in with the Sergeant at Arms and will be recognized by the Chairperson at the appropriate time.** In order to be recognized, such person must completely fill out the provided comment card, including his or her full home address. Persons wishing to speak must also provide the Sergeant at Arms with a driver's license, any Tennessee-issued State ID or permit, voter registration card, any other official document, such as a current utility bill or bank statement, or any other government document that shows the person's name and address, as verification of the address provided on the comment card. When recognized, this person shall only provide his or her name on the record and shall not be required to state his or her address, as such will have been verified prior to being recognized by the Chairperson. Any person who is found to have falsified his or her address shall, in the discretion of the Chairperson, receive a written or verbal warning and be asked to refrain from such behavior. Continued failure to adhere to the rules may, in the discretion of the Chairperson, result in such person being prohibited from submitting a comment card during the Council meeting.

If the person wishing to address the Council on an agenda item does not have any permissible form of identification that shows his or her name and address, such person must still sign in with the Sergeant at Arms and completely fill out the provided comment card with his or her name and full home address in order to be recognized. Such person shall also be required to state his or her name and address on the record.

Persons shall limit remarks to the specific question under debate. **Each Comment shall be limited to two (2) minutes. Persons may speak on no more than two (2) agenda items. No citizen may yield any allotted time to any other person or speaker. There shall be no debate**

by Council on the Consent Agenda, unless a matter is removed from the Consent Agenda by proper vote of the Council. Members of the public may not speak to the Consent Agenda except during the portion of the Agenda reserved for Discussion of matters presented by the General Public.

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