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**Rules of Debate**

* A member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the Speaker before beginning to speak.
* Members must address all remarks to the Speaker; cross talk between members is not allowed.
* A member can only speak twice during the presentation. The second question will be asked at the end of the queue.
* Comments must be relevant to the topic under consideration
* The member who made the motion has the first right to speak to the motion. The member does so by being acknowledged by the Speaker once the Speaker has placed the motion before the assembly for discussion.
* During debate, a member can’t talk against a previous action that is not pending, unless one of the motions to *rescind, reconsider,* or *amend something previously adopted* is on the floor
* A member can’t read (or have the secretary read) from part of a manuscript or book as part of his or her debate without the permission of the assembly. However, the member can read short, relevant printed extracts in debate to make a point.
* During debate, members should take care not to disturb the assembly by whispering, talking, walking across the floor or causing other distractions

**Point of Order**

* Raised when a rule appears to be broken
* Raise placard, state point of order and wait to be recognized by the speaker
* Can interrupt another motion on the floor
* Speaker rules; not debatable

**Raise a question of privilege**

* Raised when a matter affects either comfort, safety and accessibility of the assembly or an individual
* Should not interrupt a person who has begun to speak, unless unavoidable
* No need for second unless presented as a motion
* Speaker rules unless presented as a motion – then assembly votes

**Limitations on Debate or “Call the Question”**

* Only the motion *Call the question* can limit debate.
* This motion need a second, isn’t debatable, and requires 2/3 vote to adopt.

**To Amend a Motion**

* Purpose: To change the pending motion before it is acted upon
* proposed amendments must be relevant to the main motion.
* Needs a second
* Amendable, but the secondary amendment must be relevant or related to the primary amendment.
* Debate goes only to the amendment.
* Majority vote required to adopt.
* Can be reconsidered.
* **Result:** If adopted, the proposed change becomes part of the pending motion.

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|  | ***Name*** | ***Thought*** | ***Action*** | ***Conditions*** |  |
| 1 | Point of Order | Council (or a member thereof) is not following correct procedure | Raise placard, state "Point of Order!" and wait to be recognized, address the issue | Speaker rules; Council does not vote |
| 2 | Point of Privilege | I cannot participate at Council under these adverse conditions | Raise placard, state "Point of Privilege and wait to be recognized, address the issue | Speaker rules; Council does not vote |
| 3 | Object to a motion | I object to this motion under consideration, it is out of order | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, address the issue | Requires a vote by council, the vote passes with a 2/3 majority |
| 4 | Amend agenda | We have adopted the agenda, but we need to address a later issue now | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest the change to the agenda order | Must be seconded; requires a vote by council, the vote passes with a 2/3 majority |
| 5 | Overturn Speaker | The Speaker's ruling on this matter is incorrect, I want to challenge the ruling | Raise placard, state "Speaker, I challenge your ruling" and address the issue | Must be seconded and can be debated; requires a majority vote |
| 6 | Amend a motion | This motion is acceptable, but it requires an adjustment | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest the change to the motion | Must be seconded and can be debated; requires a majority vote |
| 7 | Refer a motion | Council should not vote on this motion, it requires further study by a committee | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest Council refer the motion | Must be seconded and can be debated; requires a majority vote |
| 8 | Table a motion | There's another pressing matter to attend to, we should debate this motion later | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest Council table the motion | Must be seconded and CANNOT be debated; requires a majority vote |
| 9 | Raise a motion | Council should resume debate on a tabled motion | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest Council raise a tabled motion | Must be seconded and CANNOT be debated; requires a majority vote |
| 10 | Postpone debate | Council needs to postpone debate of this motion | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest Council postpone current debate | Must be seconded and can be debated only on its timeframe; requires a majority vote |
| 11 | Reconsider a motion | Council must reconsider the motion debated earlier, it's important | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest Council reconsider a motion | Must be seconded and can be debated (if the former motion was); requires a majority vote |
| 12 | End debate | We have exhausted debate, it is time to vote on this motion | Raise placard, state "Speaker, I call the question;" remember, this ENDS debate | Must be seconded; CANNOT be debated requires a 2/3 majority vote by council |
| 13 | Roll call vote | We should record Councillor votes in the minutes | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest the roll call vote to Council | Speaker rules; Council does not vote |
| 14 | Call for recess | This has been a long meeting, we need a recess | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, suggest Council have a recess | Must be seconded and can be debated only on its timeframe; requires a majority vote |
| 15 | Call to adjourn | We have completed the agenda, it is time to end the meeting! | Raise placard, wait to be recognized, move to have Council adjourn | Must be seconded and CANNOT be debated; requires a majority vote |