



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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October 18, 2021

Date

AMENDING THE PROCEDURAL RULES OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to conduct orderly and efficient meetings and to have items of significance before the City Council where discussion is needed and appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to encourage public speakers to provide their address in an appropriate fashion to ensure that Des Moines residents and Des Moines property owners are given opportunities to speak within the rules; and,

WHEREAS, amending the Procedural Rules of the Des Moines City Council is necessary to accomplish such objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

That the PROCEDURAL RULES OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL are hereby amended by amending Rule 28 to reflect the attached changes in the conduct of City Council meetings commencing after adoption and approval of these amendments.

MOVED BY _____ TO APPROVE.

Form Approved:

Carol J. Moser
Deputy City Attorney

Sponsors: Mayor Cownie and Council Member Westergaard

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
VOSS				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

Rule 28. Manner of Addressing Council. At each regular Council meeting, if any requests to speak have been received, a person desiring to address the Council shall step to the podium, state his or her name, address, and group affiliation (if any) and speak clearly into the microphone. In lieu of providing their address at the time of speaking during any non-public hearing item at the meeting, a person may provide the City Clerk with their address via email, written mail or other in-writing to the City eClerk on or after the date ten days preceding the meeting but prior to no later than 3:00 Pp.Mm. on the day of the Council meeting and no sooner than ten days before the meeting at which they desire to speak. If the person has provided their address to the City Clerk as required herein and the City Clerk has verified the address, then the person desiring to speak shall only be required to give their name, zip code and ward residency at the time of speaking. At all public hearings, however, each speaker at each hearing shall be required to give their name, address and group affiliation (if any). If the meeting is entirely electronic, the person shall use the prescribed method for comments, but shall not speak on the same item more than once. If the meeting is not entirely electronic, then only those persons in attendance at the physical location of the meeting will be permitted to speak and only in accordance with these rules and the City Code. The person shall follow these rules and the direction of the presiding officer