

Proposed Rules

Rule 7 - Addressing Council during Meetings

Public Speaking Rules

Speakers and the public shall obey all rules announced by the Chair or his or her designee, including the following general rules:

1. All public speakers must speak from the podium, unless the public speaker is attending remotely.

2. All public speakers ~~are encouraged to~~ must identify themselves by full name and city of residence prior to speaking.

3. Members of the public shall not disturb speakers at the podium.

4. Members of the public shall not interrupt Council members or staff while they are speaking during a meeting or otherwise disrupt a Council meeting.

5. The public should sit on the benches and not stand. If members must stand, then it will be at a designated area.

6. Members of the public holding up signs must sit on the back benches so that their signs do not interfere with others. Signs must be hand held and not attached to any pole or stick.

7. If speakers have materials they wish to hand out, they must signal to the clerk who will come forward to the speaker and hand them out.

8. When speakers are finished, they shall not disturb other speakers or disrupt the council meeting as they leave.

Disorderly Conduct at Meetings

The Chair may call to order any ~~public speaker attendee person~~ who: 1) engages in personal attacks which disrupt the meeting or incite violence or raise issues that are unrelated to Council business,

(which are unrelated to Council Business), 2) who uses obscene or grossly indecent language, 3) who speaks longer than the allotted time, 4)

who disrupts the proceedings. Or 5) or who otherwise violates the rules of this Council. Failure to come to

order may result in the microphone being shut off or the attendee being muted if attending remotely, the forfeiture of any remaining speaking time, or, at

the request of the Chair, expulsion from the meeting.

Furthermore, if an ~~attendee speaker or a member of the public~~ does not follow applicable rules during a Council

meeting, disturbs the peace at a Council meeting or endangers the safety of the Council or the public at a council meeting, that individual may also have further restrictions placed upon them as necessary,

including, [if allowed by Court order](#), forfeiture of their right to speak at or right to attend future Council meetings. ~~Any such~~Such actions are

to be determined by Council and shall be consistent with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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