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Speaker's Time Limit

ORDINANCE NO. 1679

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE, AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF SECTION 2.04.070 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER FOR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS 2.04.255(C) AND (D) TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS AND THE TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS IN QUASI JUDICIAL MATTERS, AND AMENDING SUBSECTION 2.04.260(1) TO CHANGE THE TIME LIMITS FOR SPEAKERS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS.

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WHEREAS, the Council desires to formalize certain rules of procedure relating to the number of speakers and the time limit on speakers in order to insure that public input at Council meetings is received in an orderly and efficient manner, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Audience Participation. Subsection 2.04.070(c) of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (c) Audience Participation. Items from the audience, limited to a maximum of four minutes per speaker, will be received during the meeting at the appropriate place on the agenda to encourage citizen input and participation in Council meetings.

Citizens may, at the end of the meeting, continue to address the Council.

Section 2. Order of Business. Subsection 2.04.070(d)(1) of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (1) Items from Audience (a maximum of four minutes per speaker);

Section 3. Subsection 2.04.070(d)(3)(A)(i) of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (i) Hearing (a maximum of four minutes per speaker, provided, that the Council may, in its discretion, allow additional time where the complexity of issues involved requires more time in order to give the speaker a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the matter),

Section 4. Quasi-Judicial Matters. New subsections 2.04.255(C) and (D) are hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code to read as follows:

- C. Whenever a quasi-judicial matter pending before the City Council has been the subject of a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner or Planning Commission, the Council shall allow only each side (proponents and opponents) to speak for a maximum of ten minutes each. No new evidence may be presented by either speaker, but testimony shall be limited to argument based upon the Hearing Examiner's or Planning Commission's

record. All quasi-judicial items shall be noted on the agenda as being quasi-judicial and a statement shall appear on the agenda indicating that each side may speak for a maximum of ten minutes each.

- D. Whenever the Council holds a public hearing on a quasi-judicial matter, whether an initial hearing or an additional hearing pursuant to Section 2.04.260, each speaker testifying before the Council shall be allowed to speak for a maximum of four minutes, provided, that the Council may, in its discretion, allow additional time where the complexity of issues involved requires more time in order to give the speaker a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the matter.

Section 5. Requests for Additional Public Hearings.

Subsection 2.04.260(1) of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (1) A representative of proponents and a representative of opponents of a recommendation or decision of a hearing authority may speak at a regular meeting for no more than four minutes each, provided, that the Council may, in its discretion, allow additional time where the complexity of the issues involved requires more time in order to give the speaker a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the matter.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after this ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title is published.

CITY OF REDMOND

  
MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, DORIS SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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