**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 8-44-112**

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee General Assembly enacted into law Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-44-112, requiring periods for public comment during local government meetings, with certain exceptions;

WHEREAS, Paragraph (b) of the public comment law provides that a governing body may put reasonable restrictions on the period for public comment; and

WHEREAS, this [Board/Commission/Council] has determined that restrictions are appropriate in order to ensure and balance the multiple competing interests of public involvement in local government, the orderly and efficient conduct of local government meetings, and the representation of opposing viewpoints.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, ETC] OF THE CITY OF\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, TENNESSEE, that the following provisions are adopted, restricting the Public Comment segment of governing body meetings subject to T.C.A. § 8-44-112. Members of the public requesting comment during the Public Comment segment of local government meetings are required to give notice in advance of the meeting by signing up at City Hall by **(day) (time) (on/prior to)** the date of the meeting;

1. Any member of the public signing up for comment shall be required to review these restrictions.
2. A declaration of the agenda item the comment will address is required at signup.
3. The Public Comment segment is limited to an aggregate of **(?/ten) (?/10)** comments on actionable items on that meeting agenda.
4. In order to provide for a more diverse pool of comments, priority among those signing up shall be given to members of the public who have not commented during the preceding **(two/three)** meeting(s).
5. All comments shall be limited in scope to actionable items, matters involving a vote, that appear on the meeting agenda.
6. The maximum duration of any comment shall be **(2/5)** minutes, unless the body votes to permit more time for speakers and their comments.

Passed and approved by the [Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City Council, City Commission] of the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Mayor

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