

RESOLUTION 2023-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SPEAKING PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashland City wishes to amend the procedure to speak during public forum; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashland City wishes to address the change in the law to be consistent with Chapter 300 of the 2023 Legislation that amends Title 8, Chapter 4, Part 1.

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council have authorized the attached exhibit as the official procedure for speaking before the regular City Council meetings, Special Called Council meetings, City Council workshops, Planning Commission meetings, Board of Zoning Appeals, Beer Board, and Parks and Recreation Board. There shall be no public comment period for any meetings done solely for the purpose of conducting a disciplinary hearing for a member of the governing body or employee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE that the Procedure for Speaking before the Council/Board, attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted and shall become effective immediately following the passage of this resolution.

We, the undersigned City Council members, meeting in Regular Session on this 11th day of April 2023 move the adoption of the above Resolution.


Councilmember  moved to adopt the Resolution.

Councilmember  seconded the motion.


Voting in Favor 7

Voting Against 0

Attest:



Mayor JT Smith



Violet Black, Interim City Recorder

COMPLETE THIS FORM TO SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC FORUM

Welcome to the Town of Ashland City meeting. Please complete this form if you would like to address the Council/Board during the Public Forum section of the meeting. After completing this form, hand it in to the transcriber of the meeting. Your name will be called by the Mayor or Chairperson. Please read the ***Procedure for Speaking Before the Meeting*** on the bottom and reverse side of this form. The purpose of this form is to clearly document the speaker's information and allow as many speakers as possible in the allotted time. As such, they may not address the issue or concern you have at this time but may instead inform you of when the issue will be addressed at a future meeting or what department will be forwarded the issue for follow-up.

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (optional): _____

Subject to be addressed: _____

Procedure for Speaking Before the Council

- * Speakers must complete the information form and submit it to the transcriber prior to the public forum. Be prepared to speak when your name is called.
- * Each speaker will be allowed 4 minutes.
- * Speakers may comment on issues scheduled for consideration at the meeting or other appropriate concerns pertinent to the operation of the town.

- * Each speaker should state the following:
 - his/her name
 - whether they are an Ashland City resident and/or property owner
- * No person shall be allowed to make obscene, derogatory, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council/Board. Persons doing so will be asked to stop speaking and will forfeit the remainder of their time.
- * All remarks shall be directed to the Council/Board as a body only.
- * No person shall be allowed to disrupt or interfere with the procedures.
- * Remarks shall end when the speaker's allotted time has expired. No time shall be shared with other speakers.
- * Questions from the council/board members may be asked for clarification as well as council/board members may have brief comments; however, no person shall be permitted to enter any discussion or debate either directly with or through any member of the Council/Board or anyone present at the meeting.
- * **No one shall make open comments during the meeting.**