

RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council will abide by the Rules and Procedures governing the City Council of the City of Perth Amboy as set forth in Ordinances 5-72, 1391-2007, 1689-2013 and 2252-2025.

IX. ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

(a) LEAVE. Subject to provisions of Rule XI, any person may apply to the presiding officer for permission to address the Council, which permission shall be granted only after a showing to the satisfaction of the presiding officer that the subject matter of the address is timely and relevant and is a matter over which the Council has some responsibility, provided, however, that such application shall be delivered to the Clerk not later than the close of business on the Thursday preceding the regular meeting of the Council for which the permission is sought.

Any person may orally petition the Council, at any Council Meeting, for leave to address the Council at the Meeting which leave shall be granted only after showing to the satisfaction of a majority of the members of the Council present that the subject matter of the address is timely and relevant and is a matter over which the Council has some responsibility.

(b) MANNER OF ADDRESSING COUNCIL. Time Limit. Each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, give his name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record. Unless further time is granted by the Council, an individual shall be limited in his address as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT – One Opportunity	- 3 Minutes Maximum per citizen
ORDINANCE (Public Hearing)	- 3 Minutes Per Ordinance per citizen
PUBLIC PORTION	- 3 Minutes Maximum per citizen
HEARING OF CITIZENS	- 3 Minutes Maximum per citizen

All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any person thereof. No person, other than members of the Council, and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the Council, without the permission of the Presiding Officer. No question shall be asked to a Council Member, except through the Presiding Officer.

X. DECORUM

(b) BY PERSONS. Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks, or who shall become boisterous while addressing the Council shall forthwith be barred from further audience before the Council at that meeting, by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue or to again address the Council be granted by the majority vote of the Council.

XII. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Any of these rules may be suspended by unanimous consent as to any specific matter before the Council.