

ORDINANCE 2023-O-009

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 2021-O-005, 2022-O-011, AND 2023-O-005, CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.10.001. MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM, CITY OF BLANCO CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SUB PARAGRAPHS (2), (3), (4), (7), (11) AND (13); DELETING SUB PARAGRAPH (9); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Blanco (the "City") wishes to provide for the public welfare and input of the citizens of the City for its proper governance, and in support thereof, the orderly and proper conduct of City Council meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT.

That the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BLANCO CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.10.001. MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM, SUB PARAGRAPHS (2), (3), (4), (7), (11) AND (13); AND DELETING SUB PARAGRAPH (9).

Chapter 2, Section 2.10.001. Meeting Rules of Conduct and Decorum, City of Blanco Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended by new, revised sub paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (7), (11) and (13), and to delete sub paragraph (9), with the amended sub paragraphs each to read as follows:

(2) Members of the public shall sign in before the meeting on a sign in sheet provided by the city secretary. The presiding official may call those individuals who signed in to the podium to speak.

(3) Members of the public shall be allowed three (3) minutes to provide comments during the "public comments" portion. Members of the public may not allocate or transfer their time to others to address the body. The presiding officer shall have final say to make reasonable adjustments to speakers' time limits and the number and timing of comments related to any topic.

(4) If there are several comments on a listed agenda item(s), the presiding officer may allow citizens to provide their comments during the agenda item(s) rather than the "public comments" portion of any meeting, but members of the public must sign in before the meeting begins.

(7) When any person is addressing the city council, city staff or members of the public, no personal attacks on city staff or members of the public shall be allowed.

(11) A councilmember who has spoken once should refrain from speaking again until each councilmember has had an opportunity to speak on the subject or item then under consideration.

(13) Robert's Rules of Order will control and take precedence for the conduct of council meetings to the extent not covered by these council meeting rules.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective immediately. The City Administrator shall, within 10 days after such effective date, cause the publication of notice of adoption on the City's website, the local newspaper of general circulation, and by such other and further means necessary to provide notice to the public.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or in part, except if the part held or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. REPEALER

Upon adoption, the provisions of this ordinance repeal any inconsistent existing provisions of other City ordinances.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BLANCO, ON THE 13 DAY OF June 2023.

CITY OF BLANCO



Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie Cassidy
City Secretary

