

RESOLUTION 9634

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT FOR PERSONS ADDRESSING THE CITY COMMISSION DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT (PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS) PERIOD; PROHIBITING VULGAR, PROFANE OR IMPERTINENT SPEECH; LIMITING SPEECH TO MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN CITY COMMISSION JURISDICTION; PROHIBITING BAGS OR BACKPACKS AT THE ROSTRUM

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to maintain the proper decorum of City Commission meetings to ensure a safe and orderly forum for public participation; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission Agenda provides a period for "Public Comment" (Petitions and Communications) to allow public participation by any and all members of the public on any matter of significant interest to the public within the scope of jurisdiction of the City Commission; and,

WHEREAS, proper decorum for City Commission meetings requires management of the time, place and manner of public participation while guaranteeing the content-neutrality of such regulation by: (1) establishing a reasonable time limit of three minutes for all persons speaking during the "Public Comment" (Petitions and Communications) period of the Agenda; (2) prohibiting the use of vulgar, profane or impertinent speech; (3) limiting the "Public Comment " (Petitions and Communications) period to matters of significant public interest within City Commission jurisdiction; (4) prohibiting bags or backpacks at the public rostrum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana:

1. That each person speaking during the "Public Comment" (Petitions and Communications) period of the City Commission Agenda shall be limited to three minutes unless specially authorized to exceed such limit by the Mayor with the concurrence of the City Commission; and,
2. That the use of vulgar, profane or impertinent speech is prohibited at City Commission meetings; and,
3. That the "Public Comment" (Petitions and Communications) period shall be limited to matters of significant interest to the public that are within the scope of jurisdiction of the City Commission; and,
4. That bags or backpacks are prohibited at the public rostrum.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on the 16th day of January 2007.

Dona R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David V. Gliko, City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade: ss.
City of Great Falls)

I, PEGGY J. BOURNE, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 9634 was placed on its final passage and adoption, and was passed and adopted by the City Commission of said City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16th day of January, 2007, and approved by the Mayor of said City, on the 16th day of January, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City, this 16th day of January, 2007.

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

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