

City of Sherwood, Oregon

Resolution No. 98-743

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood wishes to encourage public discourse within its meetings, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood believes that rules which ensure that all citizens have a right to speak and participate in the process in an environment of civility and common courtesy, and that by establishing such an environment will encourage greater participation by members of the community and respect for all ideas,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The attached Rules for Meetings in the City of Sherwood are adopted by Council of the City of Sherwood.

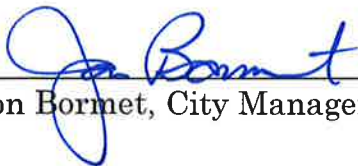
Section 2: This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 9th day of June 1998.



Bill Boyle, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jon Bormet, City Manager-Recorder

Rules for Meetings in the City of Sherwood

It is the purpose of these rules to promote common courtesy and civility in all meetings of the City of Sherwood. All who wish to speak should expect to be treated fairly and with respect. All who speak should reciprocate by focusing on the issue being considered, while respecting the opinions of those with whom they may disagree. This will enable our community to establish an environment wherein all issues and opinions may be fairly considered and decisions, though sometimes difficult, will be made in a spirit of mutual respect of all citizens, no matter their differences.

Public Hearings before the City Council and other Boards and Commissions shall follow the following procedure:

- Staff Report--15 minutes
- Applicant--30 minutes(to be split, at the discretion of the applicant, between presentation and rebuttal.)
- Proponents—5 minutes each (applicants may not also speak as proponents.)
- Opponents—5 minutes each
- Rebuttal—Balance of applicant time(see above)
- Close Public Hearing
- Staff Final Comments—15 minutes
- Questions of Staff/Discussion by Body—no limit
- Decision

(Note: Written comments are encouraged, and may be submitted prior to the hearing, at the hearing, or when the record is left open, after the hearing for a limited time. There is no limit to the length of written comment that may be submitted)

Appeals before the City Council and other Boards and Commissions shall follow the following procedure:

- Staff Report--15 minutes
- Applicant--30 minutes(to be split, at the discretion of the applicant, between presentation and rebuttal.)
- Proponents—5 minutes each (applicants may not also speak as proponents.)
- Appellants—30 minutes (to be divided if there are multiple appellants.)
- Opponents—5 minutes each
- Rebuttal—Balance of applicant time(see above)
- Close Public Hearing
- Staff Final Comments—15 minutes
- Questions of Staff/Discussion by Body—no limit
- Decision

(Note: Written comments are encouraged, and may be submitted prior to the hearing, at the hearing, or when the record is left open, after the hearing for a limited time. There is no limit to the length of written comment that may be submitted)

In any City forum or meeting:

- Individuals may not impugn the character of anyone else, including but not limited to members of the community, the reviewing body, the staff, the applicant, or others who testify. Complaints about staff should be placed in writing and addressed to the City Manager. If requested by the complainant, they may be included as part of the public record. Complaints about the City Manager should be placed in writing and addressed to the Mayor. If requested by the complainant, they may be included as part of the public record.
- Comments shall not exceed five minutes.
- The Chair of a meeting may have the ability to modify meeting procedures on a case-by-case basis when especially complicated issues arise, or when the body is involved in extraordinary dialogue, but only after receiving the advice and majority consent of the body. The Chair may also cut short debate if, in his judgment, the best interests of the City would be served.
(Note: Written comments are encouraged, and may be submitted prior to the meeting by mail, or at the meeting. There is no limit to the length of written comment that may be submitted)

Persons who violate these rules may be asked to stop their comments by any member of the body. Comments beyond the 5 minute limit will not be included in the record of the meeting. Persons who impugn the character of anyone will be required to stop immediately, their comments will not be included in the record of the meeting, and they will forfeit their remaining time. Any person who fails to comply with reasonable rules of conduct or who causes a disturbance may be asked or required to leave and upon failure to do so becomes a trespasser.



Bill Boyle, Mayor