

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-R105
SPONSOR: COUNCILMAN DYER
INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 26, 2019

ASSIGNED TO: _____

A RESOLUTION CHANGING CITY COUNCIL RULES TO BETTER MAINTAIN COMITY AMONG MEMBERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council rules have required decorum at Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, that decorum should extend beyond Green City Council meetings and outside council meeting walls; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City wish to see better comity between members of council both in and out of City Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION ONE:

Green City Council hereby amends Section 5 of Green City Council Rules and Procedures:

“Rule 5.1 - Preservation of Decorum

The presiding officer shall preserve decorum and maintain order at all times, prevent personal reflections during debate and in making assignments, and confine members to the question before Council.

The presiding officer or any other member of the Council may call to order a member who violates these rules. This decision shall be subject to an appeal to Council at the request of one member, who shall state the reasons for the appeal. There shall be no debate on such appeal, but the President shall have the right to answer the appeal.

Rule 5.2 - Speaking by Council Members

Any member of Council desiring to speak shall raise his hand for recognition by the President. Upon recognition, the member shall be allowed to speak. No member shall speak longer than five minutes at one time, without leave, and no member shall speak again on the same motion until all members of Council desiring to speak on that motion have had an opportunity to do so.

Rule 5.3 - Speaking by Members of the Administration

Any member of the Administration desiring to speak shall raise his hand for recognition by the President. Upon recognition, the member of the Administration shall be allowed to speak.

Rule 5.4 - Speaking by Non-Members of Council (See Section 7)

Rule 5.5 - Profane Language

The use of profane or vulgar language is absolutely forbidden, either by Council members or by any others attending the Council meeting.

Rule 5.6 – PRESERVATION OF COUNCIL COMITY. NO MEMBER OF GREEN CITY COUNCIL SHALL PUBLICLY ACCUSE ANOTHER MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF COMMITTING CRIMES OR EXTREME DERELICTION OF DUTY UNLESS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING A RULE, LAW OR ORDINANCE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR OTHER ENTITY HOLDING JURISDICTION OVER THE MATTER.

Rule 5.67 - Power to Preserve Decorum

The Council may, with a majority vote by yeas and nays, vote to suspend the meeting in order to preserve order and decorum.

RULE 5.8 – ENFORCEMENT OF COUNCIL RULES

ANY MEMBER WHO VIOLATES RULES 5.5 OR 5.6 MAY BE CENSURED BY 3/4 OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THE OFFENDING MEMBER MAY ALSO BE STRIPPED OF LEADERSHIP TITLES AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR PROHIBITED FROM BEING IN LEADERSHIP OR ON COMMITTEES FOR A LENGTH OF TIME PRESCRIBED BY 3/4 OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE COUNCIL MEMBER'S FULL REMAINING TERM.

Rule 5.79 - Videotaping of Council Meetings

Videotaping of Council meetings shall be under the direction of Council without any form of censorship, excepting the deletion of profanity, obscenity, or any matter unacceptable under FCC regulations.”

SECTION TWO:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green and so that municipal projects may move forward immediately. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: _____

Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

Bob Young, Council President

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APPROVED: _____, 2019

Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

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Molly Kapeluck, Clerk

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