

City of Clarkston

RULES OF DECORUM

Adopted: May 7, 2019

- 1) All electronic devices, including cell phones and pagers, shall be either turned off or otherwise silenced.
- 2) When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, full address and the name of any organization you represent.
- 3) Prolonged conversations shall be conducted outside Council Chambers.
- 4) Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting.
- 5) Clapping, whistling, heckling, gesturing, loud conversations, or other disruptive behavior is prohibited.
- 6) No person attending a Council or Board meeting is to harass, annoy or otherwise disturb any other person.
- 7) Only those individuals who have submitted speaker forms and who have been recognized by the Mayor (or Chair) may address comments to the Council (or Board).
- 8) Public Comment (Not Public Hearings): Comments under public comment shall be limited to subjects not being considered by the Council or Board as an advertised Public Hearing
- 9) Public Hearings (Not Public Comment): The public will be expected to follow the Rules of Decorum when addressing the Council or Board during an advertised Public Hearing and will be subject to the additional rules and regulations outlined in the "Public Hearings Comment Policy" adopted by the City Council of the City of Clarkston, GA.
- 10) Citizens Comments shall be directed to City issues and to the Council or Board.
- 11) All public comments shall avoid personal attacks, abusive language and redundancy. Insults, attacks of a personal nature directed toward the Mayor, Council or at any staff member will not be permitted.

Anyone found to be disruptive or in violation of this policy may be asked to immediately cease speaking and yield the podium. If the individual continues to be disruptive or fails to yield the podium, they may be asked to remove themselves from the Council Chambers. Failure to do so on their own may cause the party or parties to be removed from the Council Chambers.