

POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) ESTABLISHING RULES OF CONDUCT AT CRA MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach has adopted rules of conduct for public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the CRA has determined that it is in the best public interest to adopt rules of conduct for CRA meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY THAT:

SECTION 1. Rules of conduct at CRA meetings are established as follows:

RULES OF CONDUCT AT CRA MEETINGS.

Intent.

These rules of conduct shall apply to all public meetings held by the CRA. Whenever the term MAYOR is used herein, it shall mean the Chairperson of the CRA.

The CRA recognizes the importance of protecting the right of all citizens to express opinions on the operation of city government and encourage citizen participation in the local government process. The CRA shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs or services of the CRA, or the acts or omissions of the CRA. Citizens' expressions that go beyond the role and authority of the CRA give no privilege or protection. When citizens appear before the CRA, the CRA shall recognize all rights granted citizens under the free speech amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The CRA also recognizes the necessity for conducting orderly and efficient meetings in order to complete CRA business in a timely manner.

General Rules.

Signs, placards, banners. For public safety purposes no signs or placards mounted on sticks, posts, poles or similar structures shall be allowed in Commission Chambers or meeting rooms. Other signs, placards or banners shall not disrupt meetings or interfere with the view of others in attendance at the meeting. Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items

above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.

Disruptions. Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing, talking in a private conversation or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Unwelcome physical conduct. Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.

Cell phones. Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.

Appropriate attire. Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Commission Chambers and other meeting rooms at all times.

Use of seats. Persons in the audience shall not place their feet on the seats in front of them.

Addressing the CRA. Members of the public may speak at public meetings at a time to be specified by the Mayor during discussion on any ordinance, resolution, motion, workshop item, discussion item, or during the period set aside for public discussion on the City Commission agenda commonly referred to as "audience to be heard," subject to the following:

Until recognized as a speaker by the Mayor, members of the public shall remain seated while the meeting is in session.

Members of the public may speak only at times designated by the Mayor.

Each person addressing the CRA shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking and give his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record.

The Mayor shall rule out of order any member of the public who shall speak without being recognized, or who shall not address the CRA from the podium or other established speaking area.

Comments shall be directed to the CRA as a body and not to individual CRA Commissioners.

Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, reference materials, writing materials or objects that have been inspected by city staff or the assigned deputy.

If an individual wishes to submit written information to the CRA, he or she may give it to the CRA Secretary or other administrative staff at the meeting for display or distribution.

Audience to be heard.

Members of the public desiring to speak at a CRA meeting during "audience to be heard" shall fill out and return to the CRA Secretary, in the City Commission Chambers, the appropriate form, which must include the information needed to determine the speaker's priority as provided below, prior to the call to order of the meeting.

Thirty minutes or such time needed to permit ten members of the public to speak, whichever is less, shall be set aside at the beginning of each CRA meeting for the "audience to be heard" session. The "audience to be heard" session shall be continued at the end of the CRA meeting in the event that individuals wishing to speak are not reached during the first session.

During "audience to be heard," members of the public desiring to speak may speak on any city government related matter and shall limit their discussion to items not appearing on the agenda except for items not removed from the consent agenda.

Each person addressing the CRA during "audience to be heard" shall limit his or her comments to three minutes.

Decorum to be maintained.

Order shall be maintained at each CRA meeting, and the Mayor is hereby empowered to order from the room any citizen who refuses to comply with the rules and regulations outlined in this section.

CRA meetings shall be conducted in a courteous manner. Citizens and CRA members will be allowed to state their positions in an atmosphere free of slander and threats of violence. Sufficient warning may be given by the Mayor at any time during the remarks and, in the event that any individual shall violate the rules of conduct herein set forth, the Mayor may then cut off comment or debate. At the discretion of the Mayor, a time clock may be used to display the commencement of the time for speaking and a warning sound may be heard to indicate that the appropriate time has passed.

It shall be unlawful for any individual to disturb or interrupt any meeting of the CRA. Any individual who causes a disturbance of the meeting shall be warned by the Mayor or, alternatively, by a majority vote of the CRA that the conduct is interfering with or disturbing the order of the meeting and shall be given the opportunity to cease the conduct constituting an interruption or disturbance. If, after sufficient warning, the individual fails to cease the offending conduct and continues to interrupt or disturb the meeting, the individual shall be removed from the meeting by a deputy of the Broward County Sheriff's Office or his authorized agent in attendance at the meeting if so directed by the Mayor. Once removed, the individual shall be barred from further audience attendance for the remainder of the meeting. In addition, removal of any person for the reasons stated above on more than one occasion within a six-month period of time shall result in that person being barred from attendance of any meeting of the CRA for a period of six months, and said person shall be advised of same, including all proper warnings for violations including for trespass. Following any such suspension period, should the same person return and engage in disruptive

conduct at a meeting requiring removal, that person shall be barred from attending any meeting of the CRA for a period of one year. Individuals who have been barred from meetings as described above may instead communicate with the CRA in writing and through other lawful means.

The use of slanderous, obscene or profane language, personally abusive attacks upon any person, physical violence or the threat thereof, or other loud and boisterous behavior which disturbs or otherwise disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting and a failure to comply with any lawful decision or order of the Mayor or of a majority of the CRA shall constitute a disturbance. Personally abusive attacks include insults, discourteous comments and defamatory statements.

If the audience or a part thereof becomes unruly, the Mayor is empowered to either recess or adjourn the meeting.

Violations.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office shall, upon request, designate a deputy to serve as Sergeant at Arms at CRA meetings. The designated deputy shall carry out the orders and instructions of the Mayor for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum of the meeting.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office shall take any and all appropriate steps within the parameters of the law to secure the Commission Chambers and provide adequate protection for the citizens and members of the CRA.

Any person violating the provisions set forth in these Rules may be arrested and shall be subject to the provisions of § 10.99 of the City of Pompano Beach Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2025.

REX HARDIN, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

KERVIN ALFRED, SECRETARY