

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-_____

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, "CITY COMMISSION," OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 30.07, "RULES OF CONDUCT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS," TO MODIFY CITY COMMISSION MEETING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission strongly encourages that the public be heard on matters not included on the agenda at the City Commission meetings, and have established an "Audience to be Heard" portion of the agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Audience to be Heard portion of the commission meeting often now extends for periods of time which delay matters set on the meeting agenda from proceeding forward and requiring city residents and others to wait for unreasonable periods of time in order to be heard on such matters; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that city business is conducted in a timely manner and during reasonable hours of the day, while still permitting the public to be heard on non-agenda matters, a procedural adjustment to the Audience to be Heard portion of the meeting is required; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, ten (10) days' notice has been given by publication in a paper of general circulation in the City, notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a public hearing in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Pompano Beach; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the City Commission was held pursuant to the published notice described above, at which hearing the parties in interest and all other citizens so desiring had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 30.07, "Conduct of Members of the Public at Public Meetings," of Chapter 30, "City Commission," of the City of Pompano Beach Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 30.07 RULES OF CONDUCT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS.

(A) Intent.

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(C) Addressing the City Commission. 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:

(1) General requirements.

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(2) Audience to be heard.

(a) Members of the public desiring to speak at a City Commission meeting during "audience to be heard" shall fill out and return to the City Clerk, in the City Commission Chambers, the appropriate form, which must include the information needed to determine the speakers priority as provided in sub-section C(2)(b) below, prior to the call to order of the meeting.

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

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

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage

PASSED FIRST READING this _____ day of _____, 2019.

PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2019.

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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