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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN POLICY ON PUBLIC COMMENT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts the City of Northglenn Policy on Public Comment at City Council Meetings, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein by this reference.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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JOYCE DOWNING  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney

**Policy on Public Comment at City Council Meetings**

The City Council of the City of Northglenn recognizes the value of public comment on public issues relevant to City government and acknowledges the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Council shall provide a period for public comment at every regular and special meeting.

A. Public participation shall generally be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer prior to speaking.
2. A participant shall be limited to the time frames set forth below in Section B of this policy.
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic.
4. All statements shall be directed to the Council as a body; no participant may address or question Councilmembers individually.
5. All statements shall be limited to City business and matters of community interest that are relevant to City business.
6. The presiding officer may:
  - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
  - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
  - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
  - d. Call for a recess when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

B. Time Limitations on Public Comment Shall be as Follows:

1. Public Invited to be Heard (Beginning of the Meeting): 5 Minutes per Speaker
2. Items Set for Public Hearing: 5 minutes per Speaker  
\*Comments shall be germane to the matter set for public hearing
3. Public Invited to be Heard (End of the Meeting): 3 Minutes per Speaker  
\*Comments shall be germane to an item previously addressed by the Council during the meeting