

RESOLUTION 20241015

WHEREAS, the City of Hartington desires to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending public meetings of the City Council;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat §84-1412(2) provides that a public body may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTINGTON, NEBRASKA, that the City of Hartington, Nebraska will establish the following rules and regulations be established regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings:

1. Anyone wishing to address the City Council during Public Hearings and Public Comments, must adhere to the following “Rules of Decorum”:
 - a. Be recognized by the presiding officer.
 - b. State their full name and address.
 - c. Speak from a designated location in a civil, non-argumentative and respectful manner.
 - d. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes in length. Such time limit may be otherwise amended at the sole discretion of the presiding officer.
 - e. Each speaker shall only speak once unless clarification is requested by the City Council.
 - f. Speakers should speak clearly and succinctly.
 - g. All remarks should be directed to the City Council as a body rather than to any particular Council member or any member of the staff or audience and should refer by title and/or department.
 - h. If the speaker has documents they wish to share with the City Council that support their comments, they must provide adequate copies for each member of the City Council and the City Clerk.
 - i. Speakers will refrain from using: profanity, language likely to incite violence or outbursts from the audience; language that is disruptive to the orderly process of the meeting; engaging in conversations with individual Council members; making comments of a personal nature regarding others; shouting, yelling or screaming.
 - j. Other than asking for clarification by the presiding officer or a Council member, discussion is limited to among the members of the City Council after a motion has been made.
 - k. Speakers will not continue to address the City Council members once they have left the designated speaking location and will not engage in conversation with Council members from their seat.
 - l. The presiding officer is responsible for maintaining order and decorum and will not allow the speaker to make personal attacks of inflammatory comments and can ask the speaker to be quiet and sit down. If the individual

does not comply with the presiding officer's request, they may be asked to leave, or if necessary, be escorted from the meeting.

2. Anyone wishing to be in attendance in the audience of a City Council meeting shall adhere to the above "Rules of Decorum" and shall refrain from:
 - a. Commenting, clapping, shouting, booing, or other inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior;
 - b. Private conversations during meetings; and
 - c. Addressing Council members in individual conversation or make comments to individual Council members.
3. Amendment: The City Council reserves the right to amend any rules or regulations outlined herein at its sole discretion. Such amendments may be made through official proceedings of the City Council and will be communicated to all relevant parties in a timely manner.

PASSED, and ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2024



Mark Becker

Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brittnei Benscoter

Brittnei Benscoter, City Clerk-Treasurer