



*City of Mountain Breezes*  
CLEVELAND, GEORGIA  
**Cleveland City Council Meetings**  
**2026 Rules of Decorum**

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The purpose of the Rules of Decorum is to foster an atmosphere of civil and courteous discourse when discussing items, whether favorable or non-favorable, at City Council Meetings.

**General rules applicable to all (Mayor and Council, Staff, Citizens):**

1. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, City Council Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order*.
2. People wishing to speak during Council Meetings must adhere to the following rules:
  - Each speaker shall state their name and address for the record.
  - All comments shall be directed to the Mayor/Presiding Officer and not to any other individual.
  - Each speaker shall refrain from personal attacks, foul or abusive language, and will maintain a civil and courteous manner and tone.
  - Speakers shall address only the agenda item under consideration and will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. The Mayor may provide additional time based on the circumstances such as when the speaker of a larger group, the topic is complex, or similar factors. The Mayor may allow no more than 5 minutes for a particular speaker, at his or her discretion.
3. Individuals wishing to comment on Public Hearing items (Zonings, Ordinance Changes, Budget Hearings, etc.) may only speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.
4. Members of the audience shall respect the rights of others and shall not create noise or other disturbances, favorable or non-favorable, that will disrupt or disturb individuals addressing the Mayor and Council.

**Additional Rules for Members of the Mayor and Council:**

5. The Mayor and Council Members shall conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all meetings.
6. Council Members shall be recognized by the Mayor before addressing members of the audience.
7. The Mayor and Council Members are free to disagree with, or question policies, positions, data, or information presented. However, they shall not attack or impugn the character of any person presenting the item.

**Enforcement:**

The Mayor/Presiding Officer has the authority to enforce each of the Rules of Decorum regarding members of the public. If any rule is violated, the Mayor/Presiding Officer will give the speaker a warning, citing the violation, and telling the speaker that a second violation will result in a forfeiture of the right to speak further. The Mayor/Presiding Officer also may have the offending speaker removed from the meeting if misconduct persists.

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Josh Turner

Mayor

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Jeremy McClure

Council Member  
District 3

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Nan Bowen                      Council Member  
   District 1

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C.J. McDonald                Council Member  
   District 4

ATTEST:

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Annie Sutton                    Council Member  
   District 2  
   Mayor Pro Tem

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Lisa A. Ritchie                City Clerk