

# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

By action of the City of Grand Rapids, the Council does hereby ordain that all meetings of the Grand Rapids City Council are to be conducted in an orderly manner which welcomes all civil input from citizens and interested parties.

However, the procedure of the Council meetings is to be determined by the Council itself and any person wishing to speak as a member of the public or an interested party must first be acknowledged by the Mayor and ask to speak, the duration of which is to be determined by the Council. Any person giving input to the Council must do so in an orderly non-confrontational manner. If the person is either using loud, boisterous, obscene, demeaning, or abusive language, that person will be asked to leave. If the person will not leave voluntarily, a law enforcement officer will involuntarily escort that person from the meeting. Additionally, the person may be allowed to re-attend said meetings after a written request is made and considered by the Council.

It is also within the purview of the City of Grand Rapids to exclude members of the public from attendance if they have been deemed to have violated this policy in the past. If this procedure is invoked, that person will be given written notice of that exclusion from meetings and a written explanation as to why.