

**ORDINANCE 28-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.04, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, OF THE HOPKINSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE**

Section 31.04 of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 31.04 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.**

(A) The citizens of the city are encouraged to attend regular meetings and all public hearings in the interest of democratic government.

(B) A portion of each regular meeting shall be devoted to receiving communications, petitions, complaints, and information from citizens.

(C) The following procedures will facilitate orderly citizen participation at regular meetings and at public hearings.

(1) Members of the public wishing to address Council during the "Public Comments" portion of the agenda shall speak only from the designated podium, shall be recognized by the presiding officer and requested to state his or her name and address for the official minutes.

(2) Members of the public may only address Council one time per meeting. Comments shall be limited to ~~[a reasonable amount of time within the discretion of the presiding officer]~~ no more than three minutes. ~~[Council, by majority vote, may also limit or stop further discussion.]~~ The presiding officer may order any member of the public who refuses to comply with the procedures set out in this ordinance or who is obscene, unruly or disruptive to leave the meeting. The presiding officer may request the Hopkinsville Police Department assist with enforcing these orders.

**SECTION TWO**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION THREE**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR**

This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication according to law.

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AMEND CHAPTER 31, CITY COUNCIL**

**PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED FIRST TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED SECOND TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**James R. Knight Jr.**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Christine M. Fletcher, MMC**  
**City Clerk**