RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolutions 2022-12 and 2024-21, the Town Council adopted Public Participation Rules and Policies and General Meeting Procedures applicable to meetings of the Town Council, the Planning and Zoning Board, and other Town boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, while Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, requires that any municipal board or commission give members of the public a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before the board or commission, with certain exceptions, Section 286.0114(2), Florida Statutes, specifically provides that the right of public participation does not prohibit a municipal board or commission "from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, numerous court decisions have upheld the right of legislative bodies to regulate decorum at public meetings, holding that meetings of legislative bodies are limited public forums, thereby allowing the legislative body to enact content-based restrictions on free speech so long as they are reasonable, viewpoint-neutral, and consistently enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to adopt revised and updated Rules of Procedures including Town Council Protocols; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council determines that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the Town and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are ratified and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby adopts Rules of Procedures and Town Council Protocols, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. Resolutions 2022-12 and 2024-21 are hereby repealed in their entirety, and all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of the Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Peggy Wheeler, Mayor

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, MMC Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney