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**Sec. 2.20.020. Same—Interruptions and rules for conduct.**

- (a) Understanding that the purpose of the meetings of the Town Council is to conduct the people's business for the benefit of all the people, in the event that any meeting of the Town Council is willfully interrupted by a person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the Mayor, Vice-Mayor or any other member of the Town Council acting as the chair, may order the removal of the person or persons responsible for the disruption and bar them from further attendance at the Council meeting, or otherwise proceed pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9 or any applicable penal statute or Town ordinance. For purposes of these rules "willfully interrupt" includes, but is not limited to, doing any of the following after being directed by the chair to cease and being warned that continuing to do so will be a violation of law:
- (1) Addressing the Town Council without first being recognized.
  - (2) Persisting in addressing a subject or subjects other than that before the Town Council.
  - (3) Repetitiously addressing the same subject.
  - (4) Continuing to speak after the allotted time has expired.
  - (5) Failing to relinquish the podium when directed to do so.
  - (6) As a speaker, interrupting or attempting to interrupt members of the Town Council or members of the Town staff.
  - (7) From the audience, interrupting or attempting to interrupt, a speaker, members of the Town Council or members of the Town staff, or shouting or attempting to shout over a speaker, members of the Town Council or members of the Town staff, or displays such as clapping, stamping, loud talking, hissing and booing.
  - (8) Violations of rules of conduct established by the Town Council.
- (b) The Town Council may establish rules for the conduct of its proceedings by resolution.
- (c) Nothing in this section or any rules of conduct that may be adopted by the Town Council shall be construed to prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs or services of the Town or of the acts or omissions of the Town Council or Town staff.
- (d) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section 2.20.020 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (e) If any subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this section 2.20.020 is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this section. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this section and each subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, sections, clauses or phrases had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

(Code 1968, § 2-3; Ord. No. 2074, § I, 11-6-00)

ATTACHMENT 3

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