

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PROSPER, TEXAS, AMENDING DIVISION 7, "ADDRESSING THE TOWN COUNCIL," OF ARTICLE 1.02, "TOWN COUNCIL," OF CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PROSPER, TEXAS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 1.02.194, "ADDRESSING THE TOWN COUNCIL"; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Prosper, Texas ("Town"), previously has adopted rules regarding citizens addressing the Town Council, and such rules are contained in Division 7 of Article 1.02 of Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council wishes to clarify those rules for citizens who wish to address Town Council, to eliminate any possible ambiguity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has further determined that such clarification is in the best interests of the Town and its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PROSPER, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1**

The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2**

Division 7, "Addressing the Town Council," of Article 1.02, "Town Council," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Prosper is hereby amended by adding a new Section 1.02.194, "Addressing the Town Council," to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE 1.02      TOWN COUNCIL**

**\* \* \***

**Sec. 1.02.194.      Addressing the Town Council.**

Citizens and other visitors attending Town Council meetings shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum, and good conduct applicable to members of the Town Council. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Town Council or while attending the meeting shall be removed from the room, if so directed by the Mayor or presiding officer, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the Town Council during that session. Disruption of a public meeting could constitute a violation of Section 42.05 of the Texas Penal Code."

**Secs. 1.02.195. through 1.02.220      (Reserved)"**

### **SECTION 3**

All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict. Any remaining portion of conflicting ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

### **SECTION 4**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town of Prosper hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

### **SECTION 5**

This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PROSPER, TEXAS, ON THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**David F. Bristol, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Michelle Lewis Sirianni, Town Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Terrence S. Welch, Town Attorney**