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A RESOLUTION

Amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation,"
By Providing Guidelines of Decorum During City Council and
Standing Committee Meetings

WHEREAS, the City Council amends the City Council Rules and
Organization of the City Council of the City of Evanston ("City Council Rules") from time
to time; and

WHEREAS, the business of the City is to be conducted in an orderly and
professional manner to facilitate sound City Council and public deliberation and decision
making; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Rules should be amended to provide
guidelines for decorum at City Council and standing committee meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," of the City Council Rules is
hereby amended to add Section 6.8:

6.8 Any person who makes such remarks, or who utters loud, threatening,
personal or abusive language, or engages in any other disorderly conduct which
disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of a meeting shall, at
the discretion of the mayor or presiding officer, be barred from further participation
during that meeting.

The mayor or presiding officer may interrupt any speaker who is violating these
rules or disrupting a meeting.
The mayor or presiding officer shall attempt to provide a verbal warning to any attendee or particular speaker that may be violating these rules, but such verbal warning shall not be required as a condition for speaker to have podium microphone turned off or speaker removed from meeting.

SECTION 2. Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," of the City Council Rules is hereby amended to add Section 6.9:

6.9 Procedures for conduct under Section 6.8 shall apply to meetings held by the City Council, including standing committees and ward meetings.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution 43-R-19 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Attest: 
Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form: 
Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Adopted: April 15th, 2019

Stephen H. Hargett, Mayor