

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2013-63**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.30
REGARDING THE TAKING OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 2.30.080 is hereby amended to read as follows: *(the remaining subsections are not affected and therefore are not set out)*

2.30.080 Conduct of debate and discussion.

- A. The mayor or any assembly member, when desiring to speak at an assembly meeting, shall respectfully address the chair as "Mr. Chairman[,]" or "Ms. Chairwoman," and shall refrain from speaking until recognized.
- B. When two or more members request recognition at the same time, the chair [MAN] shall determine which one shall speak first.
- C. The chair shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining order and decorum at all times. The chair [HE] shall make such rulings as deemed necessary concerning points of order or concerning spectators. [HE SHALL INSTRUCT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE AND, WHEN SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR FOR A GROUP, TO CONTAIN THEIR REMARKS TO THREE MINUTES. THE CHAIR MAY, AT HIS DISCRETION, EXTEND THE TIME FOR REMARKS BEYOND THREE MINUTES WHEN THE SPEAKER IS REPRESENTING A GROUP.]

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Code Revisor: renumber the remaining subsections.

(AO No. 13-75; AO No. 78-49; AO No. 91-178(S))

Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 2.30 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

2.30.140 Conduct of public testimony.

- A. The public may testify in person on a proposed ordinance or resolution for which the people have the right to be heard under the Charter.
- B. When the public hearing is opened and the chair reasonably determines the number of persons waiting to speak on the matter will cause the public hearing to exceed the time available on that date, the

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chair shall direct the municipal clerk to make available a sign-up sheet for persons present and wishing to speak. No person may add the name of any other person to the list, except as may be required by law to accommodate a disability and the person with the disability is present. The sign-up sheet shall be closed to the addition of further names at the end of the meeting on that date, without regard to whether the meeting is adjourned or continued. If the meeting is adjourned or continued and all names on the list have not been called to testify, the public hearing shall be continued and on the date of the continued public hearing only persons on the sign-up sheet who have not yet testified shall be permitted to testify, unless the assembly reopens the list. Persons on the list who are not present or do not testify when called may be recalled at the discretion of the chair. The public hearing may be closed when all names on the list have been called at least once. The Municipal Clerk shall continue to accept and distribute to the assembly timely written submittals received prior to assembly action.

- C. The chair shall instruct members of the public wishing to testify to be as brief as possible. When speaking as an individual or for a group, a speaker shall contain their remarks to three minutes. The chair may extend the time for remarks beyond three minutes when the speaker is representing a group.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk