

Mr. President-

I move to amend the 2019-2023 Metropolitan Council Rules of Procedure by amending Rule 28 as shown below:

### **Substitute Rule**

#### **28. Public addressing Council**

The public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Council ~~regarding matters that are germane to items on the agenda~~ during a public comment period at the beginning of each regular and special meeting of the Council and of a Council committee. ~~Individuals will be required to provide notice of the desire to participate in the public comment period to the Council Office no later than the Thursday before the meeting.~~ The public comment period for regular and special meetings of the Council shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes. The public comment period for regular and special meetings of Council Committees shall be limited to eight (8) minutes. Individuals shall be allowed to speak for up to two (2) minutes each. Public comment periods will not be held for any meeting where there are no actionable items on the agenda ~~The Council Office shall make policies and procedures necessary to facilitate the public comment period, including access to language interpretation and other related accessibility needs.~~

During all other public hearings, individuals shall be allowed to speak for up to two (2) minutes regarding each matter.

Members of the public may address the Council in a public hearing format regarding a specific resolution or ordinance, when a public hearing is not otherwise required by law, if the Council approves a Council member's motion by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council members present at such meeting to allow members of the public to address the Council. Such motion shall specify the subsequent meeting at which the public hearing is to take place.

For regular and special meetings of the Council, ~~the~~ Clerk shall keep time in accordance with this rule. For regular and special meetings of Council committees, the Chair shall designate a member of the committee to keep time in accordance with this rule.

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