



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Borough of Brentwood welcomes Public Participation during their Council Meetings. They ask however to please follow the Council Rules & Procedures when addressing Council.

§ 14-14. Public participation; enforcement of decorum.

- A. The Borough shall provide those in attendance a reasonable opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item or any matter of concern, official action, or deliberation which may come before council. This privilege shall occur during the part of the agenda entitled "Public Privilege of the Floor."
- B. Speakers must stand. Speakers are requested to give their name, address and organization, if any. Speakers must be recognized by the Chairman. During the first segment of the meeting designated "Public Comment on Agenda Items," speakers may speak only once and will be advised by the Borough Manager when three (3) minutes have expired. Speakers are requested to conclude their remarks at that time. During this segment speakers are only to comment on specific items on the agenda.
- C. The first segment will end no later than 30-minutes after commencement in order to allow the borough business to begin in a timely and reasonable manner. Further questions or statements can be carried over to the second segment.
- D. During the second segment of the meeting designated "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items" speakers may speak only once and are requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. Speakers will be advised by the Borough Manager when three (3) minutes have expired. Speakers are requested to conclude their remarks at that time.
- E. In the case of a non-agenda item, citizens are requested, but not required, to present the matter to a member of the Council or Borough Manager in an attempt to resolve the matter beforehand.
- F. When a group of persons wishes to address the Council on the same subject matter, it shall be proper for the Chairman to request that a spokesperson be chosen by the group to address the Council and to limit the number of persons addressing the Council on the same matter so as to avoid unnecessary repetition.
- G. If the Chairman determines that there is not sufficient time at the meeting, the comment period may be deferred to the next regular meeting or special meeting occurring in advance of the next meeting.
- H. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste. Interested parties or their representatives may address the Council by written communications. Written communications shall be delivered to the Secretary or his or her designee.
- I. Each "public comment period" segments are intended to afford citizens an opportunity to (express opinions) and to bring important matters to the attention of the Borough Council. Although they may, nothing herein shall require the President of Council or the Council to answer questions or engage in debate at any Borough Council meeting.



**Please Recycle by returning
to Table Following the Meeting**

