

## Audience Participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings Effective: February 14, 2017

Any individual desiring to address the Clinton City Council during the audience participation portion of the Clinton City Council's regularly scheduled meeting must register not only the desire but also their name, the topic and other pertinent details with the Clinton City Clerk by 4 p.m. on the previous business day prior to the official start of the regularly scheduled Council meeting, and failure to do this disallows participation. If a topic is deemed more appropriate for another venue, then it will be disallowed.

Only one individual representing a group may address the Council on a specific topic.

Within any presentation to the council, any reference to council members, the mayor and or city manager or any other city official will be by their title ie: Councilman \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_, City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ etc.

All public speakers will approach the Council area, identify themselves and address Council from the lectern.

The reasonable length of remarks by a participant will be determined by the Mayor or presiding officer.

The remarks delivered by participant will be received by the City Council and City Manager without response. Any matters requiring a follow-up will be dealt with by the appropriate officers or other city personnel outside of regular council meeting.

Acceptable civil discourse and actions by public participants and subsequent restrictions or other actions resulting will be defined and administered during the audience presentation by the Mayor or presiding officer.

Any deviation by participant from topic registered prior to Council meeting will be considered a breach of decorum by the Mayor or presiding officer and subject to action deemed appropriate by the Mayor or presiding officer.

Breaches of established audience participation decorum will be identified by Mayor or presiding officer and appropriate actions for any breach will be determined and ordered by the same which can include but are not limited to expulsion from public meeting.

A speaker can be refused the future right of audience participation in a Council meeting, if deemed guilty of a breach of established decorum as determined by the Mayor or the presiding officer for a length of time deemed appropriate.