

ORDINANCE 2023-28

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 121.08 OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM
CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

WHEREAS, as a matter of Council policy the Council of the Village of Hiram has determined it is desirable to permit individuals attending Village Council Meetings to speak to the Council on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hiram has determined it is proper and appropriate to establish procedures under which individuals attending Council meetings may participate in the meeting by stating a view or opinion on matters of concern in the Village; and

WHEREAS, a change to the Village Codified Ordinances is needed to make the procedures under which an individual may participate in a Hiram Village Council meeting available to and known by all individuals who wish to speak at a Village Council meeting.

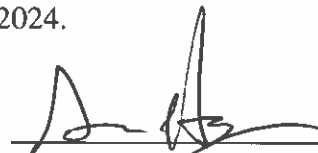
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, State of Ohio, the majority of the members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1: Section 121.08 of the Village of Hiram Codified Ordinances as is set forth in full on the attached Exhibit "A" is hereby enacted.

SECTION 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that the deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

First Reading: December 12, 2023
Second Reading: January 9, 2024
Third Reading: February 13, 2024

PASSED IN COUNCIL: February 13, 2024.



Mayor Anne Haynam

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung

Approved as to Form:



Village Solicitor Jennifer Kangas Berendt

I, SUSAN DEYOUNG, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ~~Resolution or Ordinance~~ No. 2023-28 has been duly posted in the required 5 places

2/14/2024 
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram

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Exhibit "A"

Village Council Policy for Public Comments

121.08 Public Comments:

For the purpose of receiving the orderly comments from all speakers addressing Village business before Council, adopts the following policy:

- (a) Any speaker addressing Council shall complete a Speaker Slip to be turned in prior to the start of the meeting.
- (b) Any speakers who have public comments at the end of the meeting do not have to have a Speaker slip but they do still need to provide their name and resident/nonresident status.
- (c) Please note that all public comments should pertain to Village of Hiram business only.
- (d) All comments must be made within a maximum of three (3) minutes when addressing Village Council.
- (e) Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of remarks or of the conduct of the meeting is not permitted.
- (f) Any utterance, gesture, or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group is out of order and a basis for removal of the meeting..
- (g) If the subject of the comment is not on Council Agenda or on first or second reading only, the public may discuss the Village issue during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. If the subject of the comment is on the Council Agenda for third reading, the public may discuss the issue at the time the issue is addressed during the Council meeting.
- (h) Violation of this policy may result in termination of the speaker's comments and/or removal from the meeting in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 2917.12..
- (i) The Mayor or in their absence the elected official conducting the meeting has the right to limit the length and scope of all Public Comments.

HIRAM VILLAGE COUNCIL

Public Speaker Slip

Visitors are asked to confine their remarks to no more than three (3) minutes and to avoid offering points of view already addressed by other speakers. Please submit public speaker slips to the Fiscal Officer prior to the start of the meeting.

Please Note: Public Speaker Slips are not required if you wish to comment at the third reading of any ordinance or resolution.

Name:

Address:
Resident/
Nonresident:

Form of
Contact:
(Optional)

Village/State:

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/MATTER YOU ARE HERE TO COMMENT ON

Ordinance/Resolution No:

Brief Summary of Comments

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