

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners believes that citizens of the community have the express right and are encouraged to attend meetings of the Board to listen to and observe the deliberations of its members;

WHEREAS, the Board believes procedures regulating public input are necessary to preserve the orderly pursuit of business of the Board and to provide proper opportunities for legitimate and objective discussion and analysis of the issues presented;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to confirm the right and desirability of the public's expressing its point of view to the Board, and that delegations or individuals are welcome at all meetings, and may speak at Board meetings subject to procedural regulations:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, that Article I of Chapter 2 of the Douglas County Code relating to rules of procedure for the exercise of governmental authority, is amended as follows:

Douglas County Code Section 2-3(6) relating to rules of procedure is amended by deleting it in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2-3. Same – Rules of Procedure.

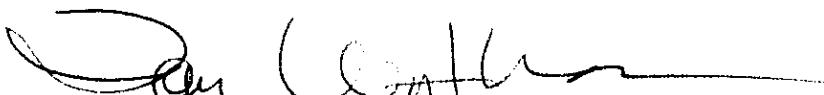
(6.1) At Voting meetings of the Board of Commissioners, any person who desires to address the board regarding an item germane to the agenda (meaning on the meeting agenda) during citizen's input, shall first register to do so at an area designated for such purpose at the meeting location, completing and submitting a speaker form to the County Clerk at least 10 minutes prior to the announced starting time of the meeting. Upon recognition by the presiding officer to speak at the meeting, such person shall appear at the location designated by the presiding officer and provide their name and address for the record. Thereafter, the person so recognized to address the board shall have up to three (3) minutes to provide input on a matter germane to the agenda. Citizens desiring to provide public input to the Board of Commissioners on issues not germane to the agenda shall be directed to the Board's work session for citizen's input. If such person addressing the board has printed materials to distribute to members of the board, such materials shall be submitted to the county clerk prior to the start of said meeting in order that distribution to the Board of Commissioners will not unduly delay the meeting. . If such person wishes to distribute printed material to the general audience in attendance at the public meeting, such person shall place the materials in the area designated by the presiding officer in order to provide public access to the materials. Without the express permission of the presiding officer during the conduct of the meeting, all presentations will be closed after three (3) minutes. The presiding officer may establish time limits on public comments regarding an issue, provided time limits for differing opinions are equivalent. In the event of multiple people wishing to speak on a topic, it is suggested that people with similar views to express select one representative to speak for all of them. No campaigning of any kind shall be permitted as public input under this procedure, and no campaign materials may be distributed at meetings of the board of commissioners.

(6.2) At non-voting work sessions of the Board of Commissioners, any person who desires to address the board regarding any item of public interest during citizen's input, shall first register to do so at an area designated for such purpose at the meeting location, completing and submitting a speaker form to the County Clerk at least 10 minutes prior to the announced starting time of the meeting. Upon recognition by the presiding officer to speak at the meeting, such person shall appear at the location designated by the presiding officer and provide their name and address for the record. Thereafter, the person so recognized to address the board shall have up to three (3) minutes to provide input on any matter of public interest, subject to the limitations herein described. If such person addressing the board has printed materials to distribute to members of the board, such materials shall be submitted to the county clerk prior to the start of said meeting in order that distribution to the Board of Commissioners will not unduly delay the meeting. If such person wishes to distribute printed material to the general audience in attendance at the public work session, such person shall place the materials in the area designated by the presiding officer in order to provide public access to the materials. Without the express permission of the presiding officer during the conduct of the meeting, all presentations will be closed after three (3) minutes. The presiding officer may establish time limits on public comments regarding an issue, provided time limits for differing opinions are equivalent. In the event of multiple people wishing to speak on a topic, it is suggested that people with similar views to express select one representative to speak for all of them. No campaigning of any kind shall be permitted as public input under this procedure, and no campaign materials may be distributed at work sessions of the Board of Commissioners.

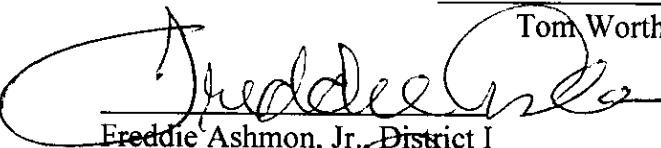
This ordinance shall become effective on June 2, 2009.

So ordained this 2nd day of June, 2009.

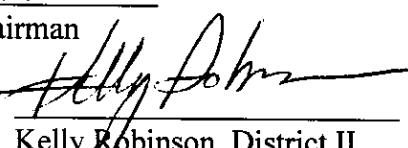
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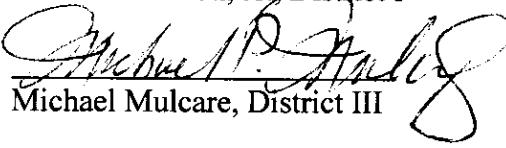
Tom Worthan, Chairman



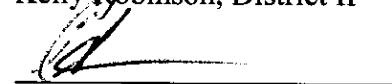
Freddie Ashmon, Jr., District I



Kelly Robinson, District II



Michael Mulcare, District III



David Latham, District IV

Attest:



Lisa Watson, County Clerk