

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE AMENDING OCEANSIDE CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 2.1.26(b), 2.1.27(d) AND 2.1.38(d) TO ALLOW ORGANIZED PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Oceanside City Code currently does not allow the donation or sharing of time for public speakers at meetings of the Oceanside City Council; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2024, the City Council of the City of Oceanside has provided direction to staff to prepare amendments to the Oceanside City Code to allow public speakers at City Council meetings to present organized presentations by groups of not less than four members of the public for not to exceed ten minutes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.1.26(b) of the Oceanside City Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) Any person desiring to address the council on a matter not formally scheduled for public hearing must file a written request for permission to address the council. All written requests to speak must be submitted to the city clerk at the dais at the commencement of the city council meeting. All requests to speak must be presented in person by the person requesting to speak. Except as provided in this paragraph (b), there shall be no sharing or donation of time to speak between individual speakers. To facilitate organized presentations, a representative of a group of persons may submit a request to speak on behalf of the group. The representative must identify the group and list not fewer than four members of the group who must be present when the item is called and all members of the group must remain present for the duration of the organized presentation. The presentation by the authorized representative shall not exceed 10 minutes. Speakers shall be afforded opportunities to speak as directed by the presiding officer or on an alternate basis relative to supporting or opposing an agenda item.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2.1.27(d) of the Oceanside City Code is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 (d) Each person desiring to address the council shall approach the podium, state his or
4 her name and address for the record, state the matter of city business he or she wishes to
5 discuss, and state whom he or she is representing if he or she represents an organization or
6 other persons. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a whole and not to any
7 member thereof. No questions shall be asked of a council member or a member of the city
8 staff without obtaining the permission of the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall not
9 permit any communication, oral or written, to be made or read where it does not bear on a
10 matter of city business which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city council. To
11 facilitate organized presentations, a representative of a group of persons may submit a request
12 to speak on behalf of the group. The representative must identify the group and list not fewer
13 than four members of the group who must be present when the item is called and all members
14 of the group must remain for the duration of the presentation. The presentation on behalf of the
15 group shall not exceed 10 minutes.

16 SECTION 3. Section 2.1.38(d) of the Oceanside City Code is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 (d) The provisions of section 2.1.29 for addressing the council shall apply to persons
19 testifying at public hearings except that:

- 20 (1) A written request to speak shall not be required, except for organized
21 presentations referenced in this Section (d)(5);
- 22 (2) An applicant shall have twenty (20) minutes, including rebuttal time;
- 23 (3) An appellant, if any, shall have twenty (20) minutes including rebuttal time;
- 24 (4) Where there are two (2) or more applicants or appellants the total time
25 afforded the parties, including rebuttal time, shall be thirty (30) minutes divided
26 equally between the parties, or divided as the parties mutually agree.
- 27 (5) To facilitate organized presentations, a representative of a group of persons
28 may submit a request to speak on behalf of the group. The representative must
identify the group and list not fewer than four members of the group who must be
present when the item is called and all members of the group must remain present

1 for the duration of the organized presentation. The presentation on behalf of the
2 group shall not exceed 10 minutes.

3 SECTION 3. The City Clerk of the City of Oceanside is hereby directed to publish this
4 ordinance, or the title hereof as a summary, pursuant to state statute, once within fifteen (15)
5 days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Oceanside.

6 SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth (30th) day
7 from and after its final passage.

8 INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oceanside,
9 California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2023, and, thereafter,

10 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of
11 Oceanside California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote:

12 AYES:

13 NAYS:

14 ABSENT:

15 ABSTAIN:

16 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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18 ATTEST:

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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 CITY CLERK

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22 CITY ATTORNEY

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