

BILL No. 6-2012
AN ORDINANCE

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 23 day of Jan A. D. 2012. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 23 day of Jan A. D. 2012.


CITY CLERK

REENACTING AND AFFIRMING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS IN ~~§1-119 OF~~ THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

Whereas the Council of the City of Reading hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Reenacting and affirming the Public Participation regulations as follows:

§1-119. Public Participation.

These rules are intended to promote an orderly system of public comment, to give every person an opportunity to be heard, and to ensure that no individual is embarrassed by exercising his right of free speech. Public comment is permitted at the regular meetings of Council which occur on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Public comment is not permitted at the City Council work sessions.

A. Citizens desiring to address the Council at its regular meetings may do so by providing notice verbally or in writing their name, address and the subject matter to be discussed to the City Clerk any time before City Hall closes on the day of the scheduled Council meeting before the meeting is called to order by the President of Council or the presiding officer.

B. Citizens desiring to address the Council at its special meeting may do so by providing notice verbally or in writing the subject matter to be discussed to the City Clerk ½ hour before the special meeting before the meeting is called to order by the President of Council or the presiding officer.

C. A citizen shall be provided the opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item without written notice (see Charter, §2135). The presiding officer or by action of Council shall limit the time each person shall speak giving equal time to all. Such discussion shall occur prior to the vote of the agenda item.

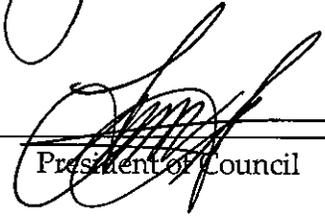
D. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or who shall become unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer, and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by a majority vote of Council.

E. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or who shall become unruly while addressing the Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer, and may be barred from speaking before the Council unless

permission to continue to speak is granted by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Sections 219 & 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted: Jan 23, 2012



President of Council

Attest:



City Clerk

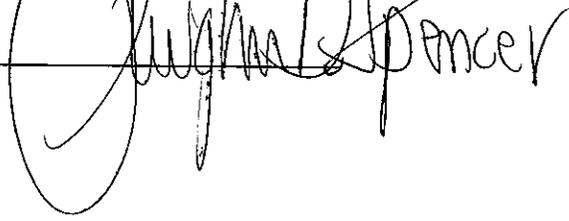
(Council Staff)

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 1-24-12

Received by the Mayor's Office: 

Date: 1/24/12

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 1/24/12