

## **BILL NO. 22-80**

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-45. PUBLIC COMMENTS. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDE A PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND INSTEAD REQUIRING THAT THE PERSON INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT HE OR SHE IS A RESIDENT OF LEE'S SUMMIT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-45. Public Comments. of the code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-45. - Public comments.

During public comments, the public may address Council on any matter listed in the Council agenda for the meeting or directly related to the operations of the City of Lee's Summit, except for those matters that are the subject of a public hearing requiring that testimony be sworn. Any person requesting time to speak to the Council during the public comments portion of the meeting must complete a "Request to Comment" card consisting of at least the person's name, ***whether or not the person is a resident of the city***, the agenda item(s) the person wishes to address or the general subject related to the operations of the City of Lee's Summit and whether such person is speaking on behalf of a larger group that is in attendance before the person will be allowed to speak. A completed "Request to Comment" card must be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the Call to Order, and the person will be given no more than three (3) minutes to speak. Should the speaker yield to a question from a councilmember, the time yielded shall not be included in the three (3) minutes. Members of the public will be ruled out of order if their comments stray from the agenda item(s) or general subject related to the operations of the City of Lee's Summit as identified on the person's "Request for Comment" card.

During public comments, Councilmembers may address a speaker on the speaker's issue, unless such matter is the subject of litigation involving the City and/or its employees or officials, and City Council has determined its litigation strategy and/or policy and such Councilmember comments will not act to diminish the City's position in such litigation.

Any ordinance directed by Council to be drafted as a result of a public hearing requiring testimony to be sworn shall not be subject to comment by the public outside a duly advertised public hearing and upon being duly sworn. Such ordinances shall be placed on the agenda under "Public Hearing."

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage, adoption, and approval by the Mayor.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Mayor *William A. Baird*

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City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED by the Mayor of said city this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Mayor *William A. Baird*

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City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney *Brian W. Head*