

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMAH,
TEXAS, ADOPTING RULES REGARDING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO
ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
AT AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BODY; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Texas House Bill 2840, attached and incorporated by reference allows a City to adopt reasonable rules regarding the public's right to address the body under Section1, Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Government Code Section 551.007. This includes rules that limit the total amount of time that a member of the public may address the body on a given item.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMAH, TEXAS:

Section 1. Rules.

1. An "Invitation to Address Council" agenda item shall be placed at the beginning of any public meeting requiring an agenda and there shall be included on the agenda an explanation of the opportunity to speak and the rules that govern that speaking. If the Invitation and an explanation of same are present on the agenda and called in due order as the agenda progresses, that opportunity shall preempt any further right to speak on any item when it comes up as the agenda progresses after the INVITATION TO ADDRESS COUNCIL opportunity was permitted for those wishing to speak;
2. Citizens shall comply with these rules if the following language has been posted on the agenda:

State law prohibits the Mayor and members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign or slander any individual shall be cause for termination of speaking privileges and expulsion from Council Chambers. Your comments are limited to two (2) minutes.
3. City Council expects any citizen to speak in a civil manner, with due respect for the decorum of the meeting, and with due respect for all persons attending;

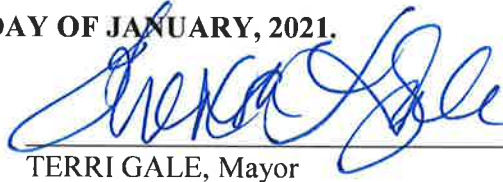
4. Any citizen may speak up to but not more than two minutes;
5. The City may not prohibit public criticism of the governing body including criticism of any act, omission, policy, procedure, program or service but does not apply to public criticism that is otherwise prohibited by law; and
6. A citizen of the public requiring Translation assistance through a translator shall be allowed such assistance as stated in the Government Code Section 551.007.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



TERRI GALE, Mayor

ATTEST:



MELISSA CHILCOTE, City Secretary