

**STATE OF INDIANA
BEFORE THE BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ORDINANCE NO. 15 -2017

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana (the “Board”), is the executive body of Clark County government pursuant to the provisions of Ind. Code § 36-2-2-2; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is also the legislative body of Clark County government pursuant to the provisions of Ind. Code § 36-1-2-9; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and understands that Indiana law does not mandate that citizens be permitted to speak, participate and offer discourse during public meetings. However, the Board believes that public input is essential to the process of representative democracy and good government.

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of providing a public forum within the framework of free speech, public decorum, public decency and public efficiency.

WHEREAS, in order to guarantee the ideas and policy expressed above, the Board adopts the following rules of procedure and decorum for public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Any individual that wishes to address the Board or make general comments as permitted in this ordinance shall sign the public comment sign in sheet prior to the meeting being called to order.
2. No individual shall be permitted to speak more than three (3) minutes and may speak only one (1) time.
3. No individual shall be permitted to yield his or her time to speak to another individual.
4. The Board may extend the time for public comment at any time upon a majority vote of the Board.
5. The Board may limit discussion, comment or debate upon a majority vote of the Board.

6. No member of the public or the government shall be permitted during public comment to:
 - A. Engage in gratuitous profanity during their discourse.
 - B. Engage in gratuitous attacks upon individuals or groups based upon race, gender, religion, age or creed.
 - C. Become loud, insolent or angry such that their behavior constitutes disorderly conduct as defined by Indiana Code.
 - D. Undertake personal attacks against members of government by engaging in name calling, baiting or engaging in conduct that would otherwise be liable, slanderous or defamatory.
7. If any individual violates Section 6 of this ordinance they shall be subject to summary removal from said meeting.
8. That the time limit rules stated herein shall not apply to any matters that are subject to certain advertised public hearings as required by Indiana Code.
9. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and promulgation as evidenced by the affirmative signatures of the undersigned as the majority of the duly elected and serving members of this Board.

So Ordained this 29th day of June, 2017.

Members voting "NO":

Jack Coffman, Commissioner

Bryan Glover, Commissioner

Connie Sellers, Commissioner

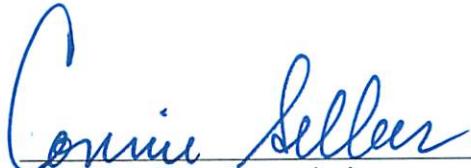
Members voting "YES":



Jack Coffman, Commissioner



Bryan Glover, Commissioner



Connie Sellers, Commissioner

Attested by:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Monty Snelling", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first letter "R" being particularly large and prominent.

R. Monty Snelling, Clark County Auditor