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Title I, Article 7, Section 12, "Visitors," of the Village Code

**Section 12 RULES OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

- 12.1 Persons wishing to speak during any portion of a Board meeting shall sign in before the start of the meeting stating name and topic to be discussed. All speakers shall comply with these rules and ruling of the presiding officer.
- 12.2 Speakers shall identify themselves at the podium before beginning their comments. Speakers shall speak their position on the issue and provide any supporting documentation. The speaker shall refrain from engaging in debates, directing threats or personal attacks at the Board, staff, other speakers or members of the audience.
- 12.3 Members of the audience shall refrain from applauding, cheering or booing during or at the conclusion of remarks made by any speaker, staff member or member of the Board.
- 12.4 Groups of residents should, whenever possible, consolidate their comments and avoid repetition through the use of representative speakers.
- 12.5 Persons other than the Village President, the Trustees, Village Officials or persons invited by a majority of the Board present shall address the Board subject to the following additional rules and regulations.
  - a. Citizen Concerns and Comments at Village Board Meetings. Members of the general public may address the board with concerns or comments regarding issues relevant to village business. Issues relevant to village business are defined to mean information about village events; issues that the public body has the authority to address; items listed on the agenda; and items or issues previously voted on by the village board or that the village board has the authority to consider or vote on in the future. The village president or his designee shall strictly restrain comments to matters that are relevant to the village business and shall not permit repetitious comments or arguments. Members of the general public who wish to address the board must sign the requested to speak form prior to the commencement of the public meeting. The persons submitting a petition, concern or other comment shall be allotted five (5) minutes to present their points. The manager or corporate authorities may respond for the village.
  - b. Citizen Concerns and Comments at the other Village Public Bodies' Meetings. Members of the general public may address all village committees, commissions, boards, and any and all other subsidiary boards established by the village board or Village Municipal Code (e.g. board of health, plan commission, liquor control commission, etc.) with concerns or comments regarding issues relevant to that specific board, committee or commission's agenda or topics that the specific board, committee, or commission has the authority, pursuant to the Village Code, to address. The chairperson or his or her designee shall strictly restrain comments to matters that are relevant to the board's, committee's, or commission's business and shall not permit repetitious comments or arguments. Members of the general public who wish to address the board, committee, or commission must sign the request to speak form prior to the commencement of the public meeting. The persons submitting a petition, concern or other comment shall be allotted five minutes to present their points.
  - c. Public comments on agenda items shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended for a time certain by a majority of the Board present. All speakers shall limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. Speakers who are residents shall be allowed to speak before nonresidents.

Public comments on non-agenda items shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended for a time certain by a majority of the Board present. All speakers shall limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes."