

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 07-17
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor David Talerico

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.20 OF THE DENALI BOROUGH CODE OF
ORDINANCES, TITLED ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES.

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the Denali Borough, Alaska.

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a permanent and general nature.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend DBC Chapter 2.20 by the addition of the following:

2.20.110 RULES FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A. Rules Applicable to Public Hearing, Public Comments and Assembly Comments.

1. No person shall speak during an assembly meeting until that person is recognized by the presiding officer. Upon recognition that person shall position himself or herself as directed by the presiding officer and shall state his or her full name, spelling the last name, and stating their physical address.

2. Each person's comments shall be limited to three minutes unless a different time is designated by the presiding officer. A person who has previously spoken may not speak again unless all other persons desiring to speak have been heard and meeting time schedule allows. A person speaking a second time may only do so for one minute, unless the presiding officer designates a different time.

3. The presiding officer may alter the times specified in this section, so long as the alteration does not unreasonably deny any person an opportunity to speak and the meeting time permits.

4. All persons shall immediately cease speaking when notified by the presiding officer that the allotted time has expired.

5. Citizens giving testimony may ask questions of the assembly members or the mayor during their testimony. The presiding officer may request an answer to a factual question from a citizen asked during the three (3) minutes of testimony, should the question and answer be useful to the item at issue, or desirable for public understanding of the issue. Assembly members or the mayor may ask questions of citizens giving testimony. Assembly members shall refrain from using question formats that engages in argumentative discussion. All questions and answers shall be directed through the presiding officer. The time allotted to a citizen for public testimony shall be extended automatically to provide additional time, which is reasonably sufficient to answer all questions posed by the assembly members and the mayor.

6. All writings, photographs, plats, maps or other items presented by a citizen during public testimony for consideration by the assembly shall be retained by the clerk and affixed with the records of the meeting.

7. Citizens may present written testimony by filing said testimony with the clerk at or before the time scheduled for public hearing on the item or the time scheduled for citizens' comments if the item is not scheduled for public hearing.

8. Citizens, acting alone or with a group, shall not disrupt an assembly meeting.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption by the Denali Borough Assembly and signature of the mayor.

DATE INTRODUCED: JUNE 13, 2007
FIRST READING: JULY 11, 2007
PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 11, 2007

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 8th day of August, 2007.


Mayor David M Talerico

ATTEST: 
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk



Ayes: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: BULARD, EVANS, HOCKIN, POLLOCK, WALKER, HOLMES, MERCER, KOHLSDORF and HALL

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