

## RESOLUTION 2020-05

### A RESOLUTION OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA:

#### SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02.

Subsections 5(1) and 5(3), Resolution No. 2019-02, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMENT. Polk City has a long standing policy which encourages its citizens to contact the City Manager's office to redress issues which involve the City. In cases where a city board or commission's involvement is required, these matters are typically taken before that city board or commission as an agenda item. The City Commission continues to believe that this procedure offers citizens the best avenue to resolve issues and encourages this procedure to be followed where practical. In order to comply with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, the City Commission hereby establishes a Public Comment Policy applicable to all city boards and commissions to allow members of the public an additional opportunity to address city boards and commissions. In addition to public hearings, a special time is hereby set aside at all city board and commission meetings (except workshop meetings) for the purpose of receiving comments and suggestions from members of the public. All comments made during any Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

(1) The City Commission allocates 30 minutes at the beginning of each city board or commission meeting (except workshop meetings) for citizens who wish to appear before that city board or commission to make a request of that board or commission, voice a complaint or concern, express an opinion, or for some other type of recognition. The presiding officer will divide the time equally between all who have signed up to speak; but in no case may a citizen speak longer than three five (35) minutes. A Public Comment period not to exceed thirty minutes will be held during any board or commission meeting. The presiding officer may permit additional time to a given speaker on a case by case basis.

(3) Each person who signed up to speak will have up to 3 5 minutes to make his or her statement. Speakers will be acknowledged by the presiding officer in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall address that city board or commission from the podium, and not approach that city board or commission or staff. Speakers will begin their statement by first stating their legal name and actual address


**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision or portion of this Resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS.** All resolutions and portions of resolutions in conflict herewith, including but not limited to Resolution No. 98-25, Resolution No. 2013-05, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

RESOLVED, PASSED, AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2020.

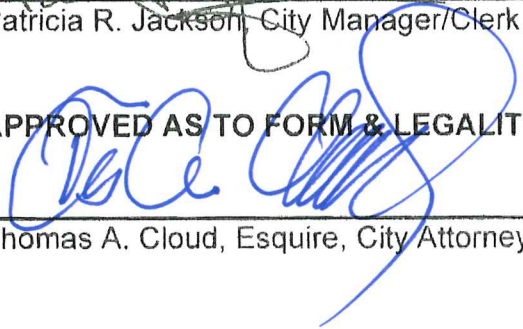
CITY COMMISSION OF POLK CITY,  
FLORIDA

  
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Joe LaCascia, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager/Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY

  
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Thomas A. Cloud, Esquire, City Attorney