

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE WASHINGTON

1 BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE WASHINGTON AND COUNCIL MEMBER MOAK

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3 PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2011- \_\_\_\_\_

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5 TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 7 OF TITLE 1  
6 RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING MEETINGS AND PUBLIC  
7 HEARINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS  
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10 BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

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12 **Section 1: Section 7 of Title 1 is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:**

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14 **Section 1:7 Conducting of meetings; public hearings.**

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16 (a) In view of the many items appearing on the agenda, each councilman will be allowed  
17 a maximum of five (5) minutes to express his views on any one subject without  
18 interruption from the other members upon initial consideration and five (5) minutes  
19 for rebuttal. No Council member will speak until recognized by the chair. In  
20 compliance with R.S. 42:14 5(D), members of the public will be allowed to speak for  
21 up to three (3) minutes on any item included on the agenda on which the Council  
22 proposes to take action. A mMembers of the public who wishes to speak on an  
23 agenda item on which the Council proposes to take action, shall print his or her name  
24 and address on the register at the podium prior to addressing the Council. No member  
25 of the public shall address the Council until recognized by the chair. Each member of  
26 the public who addresses the Council shall state his or her name and address for the  
27 record prior to making any comment must request permission in writing to do so prior  
28 to discussion of the matter on which they wish to speak.

29 (b) The chairman ~~will~~ may allocate up to thirty (30) minutes at the end of any regular  
30 meeting to all for members of the public ~~who wish~~ to comment on items not included  
31 on the agenda. Individuals who wish to comment during the comment period shall  
32 complete a request to address the council on a form provided by the Clerk which shall  
33 include the individual's name, address and subject matter which the individual wishes  
34 to comment upon. The request to address the council shall be delivered to the Clerk  
35 prior to the council meeting being called to order. In the event more than ten (10)  
36 individuals request to address the council at a meeting, the first ten requests received  
37 will be scheduled for the meeting in the order received. Any additional requests will  
38 be scheduled for the next regular meeting. Comments shall be limited to issues which  
39 members of the public would like the council to review or consider. Comments  
40 concerning any individual or any personnel matter shall not be permitted by this  
41 paragraph. Any individual who does not abide by the requirements set forth in this  
42 paragraph shall be informed by the chairman and shall not be permitted to comment  
43 pursuant to this paragraph for minimum of 90 days or such period determined by the  
44 chairman.

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1 **Section 2: Conflicts**

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3 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.  
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5 **Section 3: Severability**

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7 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court  
8 of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity  
9 of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder  
10 of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force  
11 and effect.

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13 Introduced on this \_\_\_\_th day of January, 2011.

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15 Notice of public hearing was published in The Advocate on the \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011.

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17 Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011.

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19 Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011.

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24 Shelton "Mac" Watts, Mayor

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26 Attest:  
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30 Mark Miley, City Clerk

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32 Adopted ordinance published in The Advocate on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.