



**CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL**

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Proposition A Council Member Item – Appearances by Members of the Public

**Proposal:** To amend Chapter 2 of Article 1. Sec. 2-2 Rule 8., Appearances by Members of the Public, of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

Council Member Edward Pollard, District J

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Pollard", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, District K

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martha Castex-Tatum", written in a cursive style.

Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas, District F

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany D. Thomas", written in a cursive style.

Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, District D

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz", written in a cursive style.

## ***Exhibit A***

### ***Chapter 2 – Administration***

#### ***Article I. – In General***

#### ***Sec. 2-2. – Council rules of procedure***

#### ***Rule 8. Appearances by Members of the Public***

a. Any citizen of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at all regular and special meetings of the city council in regard to any and all matters to be considered at such meetings that are germane and relevant to any subject matter of city affairs or business that is within the scope of the authority and legislative functions of the city council. Such appearances by members of the public shall be scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Tuesday session of the regular meetings of city council. The mayor, mayor pro tem, or other presiding officer shall at all times be responsible for conducting the meeting and maintaining proper order and decorum. Any council member shall have the privilege of raising a point of order as to whether the subject matter to be heard and considered as presented by a citizen is germane and relevant to any subject matter of city affairs or business that is to be considered by city council.

Requests to appear shall be made to the office of the city secretary, and may be made in person or by mail, email, fax, or telephone, provided that the request is received before the scheduled time of commencement of the city council meeting session at which public appearances will be heard. Each speaker shall provide his or her name, street address, mailing address (if different), telephone number, and a brief description (not to exceed ten words) of the intended subject matter of the citizen's remarks. **The speaker's street address, mailing address (if different), and telephone number is for internal, administrative use only by city council, the city secretary's office, and city departments, and shall not be disclosed publicly, except as required by law.** Speakers who have not appeared at any of the four preceding regular city council meetings shall also state whether they wish to limit their remarks to one, two or three minutes.