ORDINANCE

RECOGNITION OF SPEAKERS DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight

The City of Nashua ordains that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 5 “Administration of Government”, Article III “Rules and Order of Business”, § 5-14 “Order of business” is hereby amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding the new underlined language as follows:


The order of business shall be as follows:

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I. Communications, to include a period for the acceptance of written communications and a period not to exceed 15 minutes for the acceptance of orally presented communications or comments from the public or others relative to resolutions, ordinances, appointments, or errors or omissions in the reports of committees on the agenda for that meeting. If there is a reasonable expectation by the President of the Board that final action shall be taken on an order of business not on the agenda or considered in a communication, the President shall allow comment on that item of business. Members of the public desiring to address the board during this comment period may provide their names and addresses and the subject(s) of their comments on a sign-up list provided by the clerk and speak in the order signed up, following which the President shall recognize any member of the public not on the sign-up list who wishes to address the board on any subject permitted for this period during any time remaining in the 15 minute period. The 15 minute period may be extended upon a motion affirmed by majority vote.

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P. Communications to include a period not to exceed 15 minutes for the acceptance of orally presented communications or comments from the public, or others; Members of the public desiring to address the board during this comment period may provide their names and addresses on a sign-up list provided by the clerk and speak in the order signed up, following which the President shall recognize any member of the public not on the sign-up list who wishes to address the board during any time remaining in the 15 minute period. The 15 minute period may be extended upon a motion affirmed by majority vote.”

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.