



ORDINANCE

LIMITING THE SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS TO ITEMS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

The City of Nashua ordains that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 5 “Administration of Government” Part 2 “Board of Aldermen”, Article III “Rules and Order of Business”, Section 5-14 “Order of business” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the new underlined language as follows:

“§ 5-14. Order of business.

A. The order of business for regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen shall be as follows:

...

- (17) Communications, to include a period not to exceed 15 minutes for the acceptance of orally presented communications or comments from the public or others relative to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board;”

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This legislation shall take effect following its passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE: O-17-033

PURPOSE: Limiting the second public comment period at board of aldermen meetings to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board

ENDORSERS: Alderman Ken Siegel

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This legislation limits the second public comment period at board of aldermen meetings to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board. In the interest of the efficient execution of city business, local governing bodies are generally granted latitude to regulate the public discussion. This would include limiting public comment at board meetings to matters within the Board's responsibility.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dowley Clarke

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