

**CODE CHANGES 2023:
COUNCIL LIMITS ON SPEAKING AND TIME**

TO: Council
FROM: Governance Committee
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Amendment to limit time for questions and discussions and to limit the number of times someone can speak to two.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~like this~~).

SECTION III: MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Article 1. Rules of Order

11. Presentations to Council shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. There shall be a question period ~~of unlimited duration~~ following each presentation ***for a length of time set by the Agenda Committee unless Council approves an extension by Resolution.*** Motions that might otherwise go elsewhere on the agenda may appear here if they are related to a presentation.

36. ~~In accordance with Robert's Rules, no member of Council shall speak more than twice on any motion or amendment, except to raise or answer a point of information, to raise a point of order or privilege, to move an amendment, or to move to refer.~~
 - (a) ***No member of Council or anyone else attending a meeting shall speak more than twice on any motion or amendment, or on any topic being discussed during the Discussion and Consultation Period, except to raise or answer a point of information, to raise a point of order or privilege, to move an amendment, or to move to refer.***

 - (b) ***No one may ask more than two questions during the question period following a presentation. The questions must be actual questions and not comments and may not last more than two (2) minutes.***

 - (c) ***Council may by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution specify that speakers on a discussion topic speak for no more than two and a half (2-1/2) minutes at any one time.***

 - (d) ***Council may by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution end a question period or a discussion during the Discussion and Consultation Period.***