



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Clerk

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Re: Update to R188-81 which discusses rules for public hearings and comments before the City Council

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

At the December 15, 2025 Council Meeting, the Council authorized staff to come forward with changes to the rule associated with public hearing and comments before the City Council.

Discussion

The significant changes between the existing resolution and the proposed policy resolution are as follows:

- This will be a policy resolution going forward as that is more appropriate.
- Speakers will be asked to state their name and ward versus their address.
- An update to the time limit based on current practices, i.e. three minutes per individual, is incorporated. A request for five minutes can be made if the person is speaking on behalf of an organization.
- An update to the language associated with decorum has been incorporated.
- The item that discusses smoking since smoking is already prohibited in city buildings has been removed.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable,

Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
May 2, 1997	R179-77 adopted rules for public hearings and comments before the City Council.
April 20, 1981	R188-81 reaffirmed R179-77. It does not appear any changes were made.
November 18, 2019	REP104-19: Potential changes were discussed.
October 20, 2025	Pre-Council meeting: The potential changes to this resolution along with others was discussed.
December 15, 2025	REP59-25: Council asked staff to bring forward legislation incorporating the changes discussed.

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the proposed policy resolution.