



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/26/2021
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Smith (43) Harris (8)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Amendment of City Council Rules of Order and Procedure by modifying Rule 58 to allow for in person public participation or from remote location by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection at City Council or committee meetings
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Committees and Rules

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council, City of Chicago, for the 2019 – 2023 term are hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

### **Public Participation.**

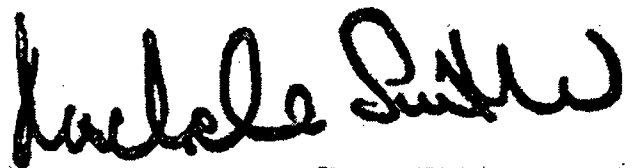
**RULE 58.** Any member of the general public may address orally, in person or from a remote location by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection, or in writing any committee of, or meeting of, the City Council at any meeting required to be open to the public under the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.); provided that oral public comment at meetings of the City Council shall be subject to the time limits set forth below. Any person who orally addresses a committee of, or meeting of, the City Council shall:

- (1) ~~be physically present inside the assembly room where the meeting takes place;~~
- (2) limit ~~his or her~~ their remarks to three minutes, and if the person intends to address more than one item, use that time, at the Chairman's direction, to address one, or several, such items;
- (32) limit ~~his or her~~ their remarks to the subject matter appearing on the agenda of the meeting;
- (43) refrain from profane language, obscene conduct, or disruptive comments;
- (54) submit ~~his or her~~ their request to speak pursuant to a protocol promulgated by the Sergeant-at-Arms; and
- (65) comply with the order of the Chairman of the meeting.

Any person who submits written comments shall do so in conformity with the applicable provisions of the Sergeant-at-Arms' protocol.

The Chairman of the meeting has authority and discretion to: (i) curtail or limit public comment if the commenter fails to comply with this Rule, and (ii) allow reasonable variances from the three-minute time limit in appropriate, non-discriminatory, circumstances. Public comment at meetings of the City Council, except for the City Council meeting that includes the annual public hearing on the budget, shall be limited to a total of 30 minutes.

~~**RULE 58E.** Subject to the limits contained in Rule 58, any member of the general public may address the City Council or any of its committees at any remote meeting required to be open to the public under the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.) in writing, or orally from a remote location by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection.~~



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