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CITY OF BELLEVUE EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 342

A RESOLUTION regarding public input, and amending Resolution No. 241 governing rules and procedures, as amended by Resolution No. 313

WHEREAS, the Community Council wishes to establish rules for receiving public input;

THE EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 1 of Resolution No. 241, MEETINGS, as amended by Resolution No. 313, is further amended to add a new paragraph D, Oral Communications as follows:

D. Oral Communications

- 1. The Council will receive public input at Item No. 3 of its agenda, "Communications: Written and Oral" and Item No. 12 "Continued Communications". Based upon a review of the agenda and the number of speakers in the audience, the Chair may limit each speaker to a discretionary, but consistent, length of time. Speakers representing the official position of a recognized organization may be allotted a longer amount of time. The Chair has the prerogative to limit public comment if it has gone beyond a reasonable length of time or is deemed not to be germane to the discussion at hand.
- 2. Persons speaking to the Council shall identify themselves for the record as to name, address, and organization, if appropriate.
- 3. If a time limit is deemed appropriate, the Deputy City Clerk shall be the timekeeper. Oral testimony shall not be taken on quasi-judicial matters outside of a public hearing except on matters of procedure; provided that comments in writing may be submitted to the Council on quasi-judicial matters prior to the public hearing. Such comments may be filed with the City Clerk's Office.

<u>Section 2:</u> Section 7B of Resolution No. 241, PUBLIC NOTICE - HEARINGS - DECISION CRITERIA, is amended to read as follows:

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B. Public Hearings

- 1. The Community Council shall conduct a public hearing on any ordinance or resolution which is before it for approval of disapproval under RCW 35.14.040 unless, at a regular meeting prior to the meeting at which such public hearing would be held, the Community Council determines that a public hearing is not necessary. If it is determined that a public hearing is not necessary, a public meeting shall be held on such ordinance or resolution. No oral comment may be given by the parties or the public at such meeting; however, written comment may be submitted to the Community Council.
- 2. For public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Code, and matters other than those listed below, the Chair may limit each speaker to a discretionary, but consistent, length of time. Speakers representing the official position of a recognized organization may be allotted a longer amount of time. The Chair has the prerogative to limit public comment if it has gone beyond a reasonable length of time or is deemed not to be germane to the discussion at hand.

No limitation shall be applied to a public hearing on a reclassification, conditional use, subdivision (plat) or planned unit development.

3. If a time limit is deemed appropriate, the Deputy City Clerk shall be the timekeeper. Oral testimony shall not be given on quasi-judicial matters outside of a public hearing except on matters of procedure, provided comments in writing may be submitted to the Council on quasi-judicial matters prior to the public hearing. Such comments may be filed with the City Clerk's Office.

<u>Section 3:</u> This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage and authentication.

This resolution was first introduced on the 4th of May, 1993, and passed by affirmative vote of 4 members of the East Bellevue Community Council this 7th day of September, 1993, and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of September, 1993.

(SEAL)

James E. Bell, Chair

Sharon Mattioli, CMC
Deputy City Clerk