

ORDINANCE NO:

OFFERED BY: SKYLAR SUTTON

AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING, AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has relied on precedent and tradition to facilitate public comments at its official board and/or commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Hudson and its residents to facilitate feedback and discussion at its various boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently and fairly conduct its business, it is necessary to provide reasonable limitations to public comment at such meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 299 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson, to be set forth under Title Eight, is hereby created and shall provide as set forth in the document attached as Exhibit "A," which is fully incorporated herein.

Section 2. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 3. Upon its passage, the Clerk of Council is directed to deliver a copy of this Ordinance to all members of boards and commissions.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance 25-____ was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A"

299.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Comments from the public shall be taken by all boards and commissions, before any new or old business is conducted, on any topic under the board or commission's general jurisdiction or purview.

(b) All public comments as specified under this chapter shall be directed at the chair of the particular board or commission. No public comment shall be directed at a specific board or commission member or City staff. The chair has the right to decline, interrupt and/or terminate a particular speaker's comment or comments if the topic is not relevant to the board or commission.

(c) No person shall address the board or commission until recognized by the chair. For the consideration of all in attendance, speakers will be asked to limit their comments to five minutes unless an extension is granted by the chair, in the chair's sole discretion.

(d) Orderly and respectful behavior by the public and attendees at board and commission meetings shall be exhibited at all times. A person exhibiting disorderly behavior may be asked by the chair to be seated and refrain from further comment. Once warned, a person exhibiting disorderly behavior may be removed from the meeting at the chair's direction.