

12-R-19

A RESOLUTION

**Amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," By Addressing
Ceding Time during Citizen Comment**

WHEREAS, the City Council amends the City Council Rules and Organization of the City Council of the City of Evanston ("City Council Rules") from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the business of the City is to be conducted in an orderly and efficient manner to facilitate sound City Council and public deliberation and decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee of the City Council requested at its January 22, 2019 meeting, that the City Council Rules should be amended to state that ceding time to another speaker during public comment outlined in City Council Rule 6 "Citizen Participation" is not permitted; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

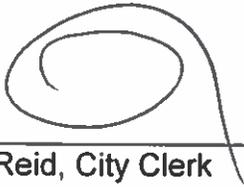
SECTION 1. Rule 6.2 of "Citizen Participation" of the City Council Rules is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.2 The Council shall provide a period for Citizen Comment. Interested persons shall sign their name, address and the agenda item or other topic to be addressed on a designated citizen participation sheet. A speaker may address the Council for no more than three minutes, and only once per Council meeting. The maximum time limit for each speaker is a single three minute time limit applied to any and all topics the speaker addresses. The maximum time period for citizen participation is forty-five minutes. If there are more than 15 speakers, the Mayor will allocate time among the speakers to ensure that citizen comment does not exceed forty-five (45) minutes. Speakers will not

be permitted to cede time to another speaker. The business of the City Council shall commence no later than forty-five (45) minutes after the beginning of Citizen Comment.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution 12-R-19 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Attest:



Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: February 11, 2019


Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Approved as to form:


Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation
Counsel