# Resolution

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CIVILITY, RESPECT, AND DECORUM IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Quincy, Illinois, is committed to conducting public business in an open, transparent, and dignified environment; and

**WHEREAS**, civil discourse, mutual respect, and orderly conduct are essential for the proper functioning of local government and the public's trust in elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor is charged with preserving order and decorum under the Illinois Municipal Code and local rules of order; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public have a protected right to address the City Council under Public Act 96-1473 (5 ILCS 120/2.06) subject to reasonable rules regarding time, place, and manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

## Section 1: Standard of Conduct for Members and Staff

- **Civil Discourse:** All remarks during City Council meetings shall be directed to the issues on the agenda rather than personal attacks, vulgar language or gestures, or the impugning of other members' motives.
- **Active Listening:** Members shall allow each speaker to finish their designated turn without interruption, cross-talk, or discourteous behavior.
- **Compliance with Presiding Officer:** Any member called to order by the Mayor or Presiding Officer shall immediately cease speaking pending a ruling on the point of order.
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## Section 2: Standard of Conduct for Public Attendees

- **Respectful Gallery Conduct:** Members of the public in the chambers must remain seated and quiet, refraining from cheering, jeering, booing, or holding disruptive signs that obstruct the view or hearing of others.

- **Public Comment Rules:** Speakers addressing the Council must state their name, keep comments within the designated time limit (e.g., 3 minutes), and refrain from slanderous, profane, vulgar language or gestures, or excessively disruptive behavior.

- **Cell Phones:** All electronic devices shall be silenced or set to vibrate prior to entering the chambers.

## Section 3: Enforcement

- The Mayor is authorized to issue a warning to any individual or member violating these rules of decorum.
- Continued disruption after a warning may result in an order to cease the conduct, a recess of the meeting, or removal from the chambers by designated law enforcement.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Quincy, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, ***20***.

- **AYES:** _____
- **NAYS:** _____
- **ABSENT:** _____
- **ABSTAIN:** _____

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**Dr. Linda K. Moore, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Laura Oakman, City Clerk**