

RESOLUTION NO. PR-007-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL ESTABLISHING RULES RELATED TO PER-SPEAKER TIME LIMITATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING THE “COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC” AGENDA ITEM, AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette Parish Council (“Parish Council”), that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”) provides, at Section 2-07(C), that the Parish Council shall determine by resolution its own rules and order of business; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 9, 2024, the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council previously adopted Resolution No. JR-002-2026 to establish the rules and order of business for the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the principles espoused in Section 2-11(E) of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, the Lafayette Parish Council may act independently and without the necessity of the approval of the Lafayette City Council to amend, modify, revise, retract, and/or supplement the regulations contained within JR-002-2026 to the extent that such legislative action only involves subject matters that are solely within the legislative power of the Council so acting; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of meetings while preserving the opportunity for public participation, the Lafayette Parish Council desires to enact new specific rules only as it relates to the per-speaker time limitations on agenda items and any amendments related thereto, including the “Comments from the Public” agenda item, at Lafayette Parish Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforementioned “Whereas” clauses in the preamble of this resolution are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: Each interested person wishing to address the Lafayette Parish Council on agenda items and any amendments related thereto, including the “Comments from the Public” agenda item, shall be subject to the following time limitations based on the total number of persons signed in to speak on a particular agenda item:

Number of Persons Signed in to Speak	Number of Minutes Per Speaker
1 – 10	3
11 – 20	2
21 or more	1

SECTION 3: The total number of speakers signed in to speak on an agenda item and any amendments related thereto, including the “Comments from the Public” agenda item, shall be determined by the Lafayette Clerk of the Council, which list shall be comprised of those speakers who timely submit their request to speak (e.g. speaker card) to the Lafayette Clerk of the Council.

SECTION 4: Only the specific rules contained within JR-002-2024 strictly related to the Lafayette Parish Council’s three (3) minute per-speaker time limitations are hereby superseded by the new time limitations established in Section 3 of this Parish Resolution. All other rules and procedures contained in JR-002-2024, including the per-speaker time limitations applicable to a joint meeting of the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council, remain unchanged and in effect.

SECTION 5: All resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette Parish Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the ____ day of _____, 2026.

JOSEPH GORDON-WILTZ
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council establishing rules related to per-speaker time limitations on agenda items and any amendments thereto, including the "Comments from the Public" agenda item, at Parish Council meetings.

- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of Resolution _____
- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL:**
A) INTRODUCTION: 05-19-2026
B) FINAL ADOPTION: 05-19-2026
- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**
A) Resolution
B) Submittal Form
- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**
_____ Fiscal Impact (Explain)
 No Fiscal Impact

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