

# Town of Falmouth – Council Rules

Proposed Amendment submitted on May 10, 2010

Order to be considered on May 24, 2010

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## Changes to Section 22 (1):

(Option A presented by Councilor Breen)

1. Any person seeking recognition must do so by raising his/her hand and, when recognized shall give his/her name and address prior to proceeding with questions or comments. All questions or comments shall be directed to the Chairperson. Any member of the public has the right to disagree with or criticize the views or actions of any individual Councilor or Councilors. However, when addressing the Council in meetings, the speaker will confine himself or herself to the issue under debate and avoid personal attacks, name-calling, threats, and abusive, slanderous or libelous language.

(Option B presented by Councilor Payne)

1. Any person seeking recognition must do so by raising his/her hand and, when recognized shall give his/her name and address prior to proceeding with questions or comments. All questions or comments shall be directed to the Chairperson, and shall be confined to the question under debate. Questions and comment must also be courteous in language and deportment, avoid all personalities and never allude to others by name or to motives. Recognition shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Section 22.

## Changes to Section 22 (2.C):

(Option A presented by Councilor Breen)

2 (C) Agenda Item Requiring a Vote. At the discretion of the Chair, any resident ~~may~~ will be allowed three minutes to comment on any agenda item which calls for a vote on any ordinance, order, or resolve; except for items for which a Public Hearing is required or has been previously held. Public comment will be accepted after the item has been introduced, but prior to Council deliberation of the item.

(Option B presented by Councilor Libby)

2 (C) Agenda Item Requiring a Vote. Any resident will be allowed three minutes to comment on any agenda item which calls for a vote on any ordinance, order, or resolve; except for items for which a Public Hearing is required or has been previously held. Public comment will be accepted after the item has been introduced, but prior to Council deliberation of the item. The Council may, by a simple majority of the Councilors present, pass a motion to limit or prohibit public comment on any agenda item which is not a Public Hearing.