

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.04 of Title 2 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

2.04.010 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on each Tuesday of each week at a time set by resolution.

2.04.020 Rules of Procedure.

A. The City Council shall from time to time adopt by resolution rules of procedure governing the conduct of City Council meetings.

B. The rules of procedure adopted pursuant to this chapter are deemed to be procedural only and the failure to strictly observe such rules shall not affect the jurisdiction of the City Council or invalidate any action taken at a meeting that is otherwise held in conformity with law.

2.04.030 Decorum.

A. Councilmembers. While the City Council is in session, each Councilmember must preserve order and decorum, and a Councilmember shall neither by conversation or otherwise delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council nor disturb any Councilmember while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the Mayor.

B. Persons addressing the City Council and persons in attendance at City Council meetings. All persons addressing the City Council or in attendance at a City Council meeting shall comply with the rules of procedure adopted by resolution pursuant to this chapter. Any person in the audience who engages in disorderly conduct such as hand clapping, stamping of feet, whistling, using profane language, yelling and similar demonstrations, which conduct disturbs the peace and actually disrupts the good order of the meeting, or who refuses to comply with the lawful orders of the Mayor, shall be, upon instructions from the Mayor, removed from the meeting by the sergeant-at-arms.

C. Enforcement of decorum. The Chief of Police, or such member or members of the Police Department as he or she may designate, shall be sergeant-at-arms of the City Council and shall carry out all orders given by the Mayor for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the Council meetings. Any Councilmember may

move to require the Mayor to enforce the rules and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council shall require the Mayor to do so.

D. Authorized persons within rail. No person except City officials, their representatives and news media representatives, shall be permitted within the rail in front of the Council Chambers, without the express consent of the Mayor.

2.04.040 Ordinances, Resolutions and Contracts.

A. All ordinances shall be prepared for presentation to the City Council pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. All ordinances shall be prepared by the City Attorney.

B. All ordinances, resolutions, and contract documents shall, before presentation to the Council, have been approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney and shall have been examined and approved for administration by the City Administrator, subject to any time limit imposed by this Code.

C. At the time of introduction or adoption of an ordinance or a resolution, it shall be read in full, unless after the reading of the title thereof, the further reading thereof is waived by unanimous consent of the Councilmembers present. Such consent may be expressed by a statement by the Mayor to the effect that if there is no objection, the further reading of the ordinance or resolution shall be waived. All emergency ordinances must be read in full.