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CITY OF TROY

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - <u>07</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 10 - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS THIS __15th_DAY OF JULY, 2013

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Troy, Illinois, have the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Troy, Illinois, has reviewed the provisions of the current text of Title III, Chapter 31, Section 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Troy, Illinois, and determined that it requires certain additions and amendments to conform with current operational practices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Troy, Illinois, believes it will be beneficial and in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the City of Troy, Illinois, to amend the Code of Ordinances accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- Section 2. Title III, Chapter 31, Section 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Troy, Illinois is hereby amended in its entirety and set forth fully herein:

TITLE III. Administration

Chapter 31 – City Council – Membership; Actions; Committees

Section 10 - Citizen Participation

§ 31.10 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.

The participation of citizens at City Council meetings shall be accomplished as follows:

- (A) Through their Aldermen;
- (B) Through a Council Committee;
- (C) By participation during the "Citizen Participation" portion of the Regular City Council meetings, limited to three minutes per city resident, unless granted additional time by the Mayor during the Council's Review Session after providing a written request to the Mayor and City Clerk;

(D) By participation during the approval of Ordinances & Resolutions, limited to three (3) minutes per city resident, with comments directed to the Council as a whole (not directed at any individual Council member) and directed strictly to the item under discussion.

Each citizen who addresses the Council during a Review Session or Regular City Council meeting is directed to sign the citizen participation register that can be found on the front podium, as well as to print their name and list their address and any group or organization to which they are affiliated (if relevant to the topic of their discussion). Citizens will be asked by the Mayor to state their name and address, as well as affiliation (if relevant), prior to their discussion.

The City Council's policy is to recognize the vital necessity of obtaining comments from citizens and, therefore, citizens are asked to make a concise statement of opinions and not to try to establish a dialogue with Council Members. The purpose of this policy is to prevent lengthy digressions and to give all citizens who desire to speak an opportunity to do so. Citizens who wish to establish direct dialogue with an Alderman or Staff are encouraged to direct questions to them outside of formal Council meetings.

Groups or organizations who wish to address the Council are encouraged to choose a spokesperson from the group to address the Council. Additional time for presentation can be requested by a group by contacting the Mayor and City Clerk and requesting (in writing) additional time during a Council Review Session.

- Section 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections or provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid section or provision, and to this end, the sections and provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.
- Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, signing and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and deposited in the office of the City Clerk this <u>15th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2013.

Those voting aye:	DeCarli, Greenfield, Hendrickson, Jackson, Partney
Those voting nay:	Lanahan
Those absent: Evans, Italiano	

APPROVED:

By: ALLEN P. ADOMITE, Mayor City of Troy, Illinois

ATTEST:

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AMIE MYERS, Clerk City of Troy, Illinois

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