

EXPLANATION: This ordinance amends section 2-2.13 entitled “Addressing the Council” of the Township Code by providing for a four minute time for the public to speak and providing for no rebuttal time.

ORDINANCE O.2233-2024

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Deletions are noted by ~~strike throughs~~

Additions are indicated in **bold underline**

Language that remains unchanged is not highlighted in any way

SECTION I. Section 2-2.13 (e) entitled “Manner of Addressing the Council” is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Manner of Addressing the Council. Upon recognition from the Council President or presiding officer, a person shall proceed to the floor and give his or her name, and address, in an audible tone of voice for the records. He or she shall limit his or her statement to ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** minutes. Any person may speak only once during the time of the meeting allotted each of the categories of business described in paragraph a., b. and c. above. Each such statement shall be limited to **four (4)** minutes **with no rebuttal.** ~~Any person who has already spoken may speak in rebuttal to any comment by another member of the public on the same issue(s) which rebuttal shall be limited to three (3) minutes and shall be limited to one (1) rebuttal per meeting. However, each person may speak and present a rebuttal on each ordinance, when the ordinance is presented for a public hearing, for the duration of time as set forth above.~~

1. Statements shall be addressed to the Council President and not to any member thereof. A Councilperson shall not direct any question to a speaker addressing the Council except through the Council President or presiding officer.

2. It shall be the duty of the Council President or the presiding officer or his designee to monitor the speaking times with an appropriate timer and notify the speaker when the speaker's time has elapsed.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption and approval by the Mayor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69A:181(b).

SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.