

CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE #508H

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2, PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE  
CITY OF BELVIDERE MUNICIPAL CODE

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Section 2-2- of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code is amended to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law which publication is hereby authorized.

Voting Aye: Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and  
Freeman.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: McGee.

APPROVED:

  
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Michael W. Chamberlain  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sarah Turnipseed  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

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## EXHIBIT A

### Sec. 2-2. - Public comment.

- (a) As required by Section 2.06(g) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials at any open public meeting of any public body of the City of Belvidere, including but not limited to, the city council, the committees of the whole, the planning and zoning commission, the historic preservation commission and the fire and police commission (hereinafter public bodies). Public comment shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:
- (b) All city public bodies shall include a provision for public comment on their agenda.
- (c) Any person wishing to address the public body shall, prior to the start of the public body's meeting, register for public comment on forms provided by the public body immediately prior to the public meeting. The person making comment shall, at the beginning of their comment, provide their name and identify the topic of their comment.
- (d) All persons providing public comment at a public meeting shall be limited to five minutes of public comment. The chair may extend that time with the consent of the public body.
- (e) The total of public comments at any one meeting of a city public body shall not extend more than 45 minutes in length, unless extended by the chair with the consent of the public body. Individuals who are not able to address the public body because of this time length shall be informed of the next public meeting of the public body so that they may address the public body at that time.
- (f) The purpose of public comment shall only be to seek redress from the public body or to advise or educate the public body regarding an issue which the public body is competent to act upon. It shall not be used for any commercial purpose or to solicit funds or attendance at any function or event.
- (g) All public comment shall be respectful to others, shall not use offensive language, shall not be purposefully disruptive to the meeting and shall not include unsubstantiated personal attacks on any persons character.
- (h) In the event any person violates any of these restrictions, the chair retains the right and the power to rule the public comment out of order and to order the person making the public comment to cease such comment and removed from the meeting.

(Ord. No. 242H, § 1(Exh. A), 12-15-14)

**AFFIDVAIT**

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF BOONE     )

Sarah Turnipseed, first being duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

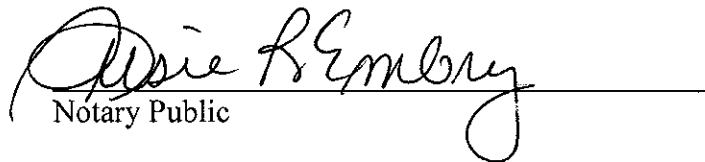
By authority of the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, I published Ordinance #508H of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, in pamphlet form on November 17, 2020, and as a convenience for the public; I posted the pamphlet form of Ordinance #508H on the bulletin board in the lobby at 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, Illinois; said location being readily accessible to the public during business hours of the City Clerk's Office.



Sarah Turnipseed  
City Clerk



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2020.



Notary Public