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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Government Performance & Financial Management  
**AGENDA DATE:** December 14, 2022  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor and City Council Office  
**EXECUTIVE:** T.C. Broadnax

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**SUBJECT**

A resolution amending Paragraph (c), of Subsection 3.3, "Residents and Other Visitors," of Section 3, "Code of Conduct," and Subsections 6.1, "Agenda," and 6.3, "Open Microphone," of Section 6, "Order of Business," of the City Council Rules of Procedure to add a disruptive behavior standard and to limit open microphone speakers to briefing meeting days - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**BACKGROUND**

As city council meetings continue as hybrid meetings with both virtual and in-person open microphone speakers, it was determined that revisiting the speaker rules in the Dallas City Council Rules of Procedure was necessary. Although speakers continue to bring forward issues for the city council to consider, some speakers have begun to disrupt city council meetings to the detriment of other speakers. Therefore, in an effort to make the meeting more efficient for the benefit of the public, staff, and city council, the mayor formed the Ad Hoc Administrative Affairs Committee and asked them to review the current open microphone speaker rules amongst other items.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On August 30, 2022, the Ad Hoc Administrative Affairs Committee received briefings on public speaker rules, pulled item procedures, and committee agendas. The Ad Hoc Administrative Affairs Committee recommended limiting open microphone speakers to city council briefing meeting days and adopting a disruptive speaker standard.

City Council was briefed by the City Attorney's Office on the current rules for public speakers in the City Council Rules of Procedure and potential changes to the speaker rules on October 19, 2022.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.