

**TOWN OF PAOLI, INDIANA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING RULES GOVERNING THE CONTROL  
AND CONDUCT OF A MEETING AS PERMITTED BY  
INDIANA CODE SECTION 5-14-1.5-3.3**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Paoli, Indiana is the governing body of the Town of Paoli;

WHEREAS, § 30.18, Agenda, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Paoli, adopted by Ordinance 1997-1 on January 8, 1997, revised by Ordinance 2025-14 on or around December 16, 2025, governs the agenda of the Paoli Town Council;

WHEREAS, on or around January 8, 1997, the Town Council adopted §30.19, Roll Call Vote, which was removed by Ordinance 2024-02 on or around January 2, 2024;

WHEREAS, on or around March 4, 2025, the Town Council adopted §30.28, Rules for Public Comment, which was removed by Ordinance 2025-14 on or around December 16, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Paoli finds it necessary to amend § 30.18 to permit comments by citizens on topics not listed on the agenda, to adopt § 30.19, Roll Call Vote, and to adopt §30.28, Rules for Public Comment;

WHEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Paoli desires to amend § 30.18, Agenda, to add §30.19, Roll Call Vote, and to add § 30.28 to the Paoli Indiana Code of Ordinances as follows:

**§ 30.18, Agenda.**

(B)(11) Comments by citizens on topics not listed on the agenda (three minutes per speaker).

**§ 30.19, Roll Call Vote.**

All votes of the Town Council shall be roll call votes. The Clerk-Treasurer shall call the roll on the question and record each Council member's vote separately in the minutes of the meeting.

**§30.28, Rules for Public Comment.**

(A) The Paoli Town Council greatly values the voices of its citizens and welcomes public comment. Citizens may make general comments at the end of public meetings of the Town Council.

(B) In order to conduct meetings in the most effective manner possible, the following rules apply to periods of general public comment:

(1) At each meeting, citizens may speak at the general comment period at the end of the meeting. Citizens wishing to speak at the general comment period must sign in before the

meeting on a sign-in sheet provided by the town. Only those citizens who sign-up to speak shall be permitted to do so.

(2) Citizens are limited to one comment, not to exceed three minutes.

(3) When giving a comment, citizens must state his or her name and address for the record.

(4) All in-person comments must be made from the podium; speakers may not approach the Council without permission of the Council President.

(5) The general comment period is intended to facilitate statements from speakers; speakers may not engage the Council in a question-and-answer exchange during any part of the meeting.

(6) The Town Council encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers refrain from language which would incite an immediate breach of the peace; refrain from undue repetition, extended discussion of irrelevancies, obscenity, and personal attacks against private individuals unrelated to the operation of the town.

(C) These rules are intended to foster a fair, respectful, and productive meeting. Any person who violates these rules will be declared out of order by the President and will receive a warning. If an attendee receives three warnings, the President may, upon issuing the third warning, and as permitted by I.C. § 5-14-1.5-3.3(e)(3) direct:

(1) The attendee to leave the meeting; and

(2) A law enforcement officer to remove the attendee from the meeting, if the attendee refuses to leave when directed by the President for a violation of these rules.

(D) Nothing in these rules may be construed to prohibit a law enforcement officer from immediately removing an attendee from a meeting if:


(1) Removal of the attendee is necessary to maintain order or ensure the safety of another person;

(2) The attendee commits a criminal offense; or

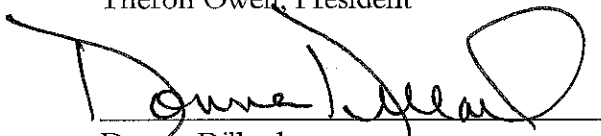
(3) The attendee violates these rules governing the conduct of the meeting. I.C. 5-14-1.5-3.3(g).

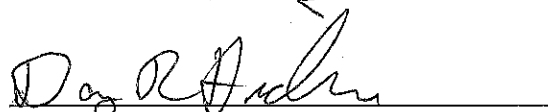
In all other respects Title III Administration, Chapter 30, Town Council, shall remain as written.

SO ORDAINED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2026

  
Theron Owen, President

voted no  
Bobbie Bostock, Vice President

  
Donna Dillard

  
Danny Hickman

ATTEST:   
Beth Jones, Clerk-Treasurer