

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-30**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, DIVISION 2, MEETINGS, SUBDIVISION I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 2-53, ADDRESSING COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE TIME LIMITS FOR PRESENTATIONS AND RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS PLACED ON AN AGENDA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, city council desires to revise its presentations to city council procedures to promote an efficient agenda that continues to inform council while allowing sufficient time for council business; and

**WHEREAS**, city council finds that these revisions are in the best interest of the public and will ensure effective city government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 2, Meetings, Subdivision I, In General, Section 2-53, Addressing Council, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) No change.

(1) No change.

(2) *Presentations to city council.* Any councilmember, the city manager on his behalf or that of a staff member, may request that a presentation by a third party on an issue or subject pertaining to the business of the city council be placed on a regular city council meeting agenda. A presentation requested by a member of the public may be placed on a city council agenda if ~~requested by~~ submitted through a city council member or the city manager. A presentation, other than one requested by the city manager, shall be limited to no more than 20 minutes in length unless otherwise authorized by a majority vote of the council members. The deadline for submission is pursuant to subsection 2-52(a)(1). The written request must include the topic and action, if any is being requested, of council. The city clerk shall schedule requests based on first receipt and presenter availability in order to limit the number of presentations by third parties to no more than three per agenda or as otherwise determined by the agenda review committee. Requests over the limit or determination shall be scheduled on a future agenda. Those not making previous arrangements will be allowed to speak during audience participation as set forth in subsection (a)(3) of this section.

(3) through (7) No change.

(b) No change.

(1) through (11) No change.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** If any part, section, subsection or other portion of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such part, section, subsection or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable and the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and all applications thereof not having been declared void, unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect. The city council specifically declares that no invalid or prescribed provision or application was an inducement to the enactment of this ordinance and that it would have enacted this ordinance regardless of the invalid or prescribed provision or application.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and adoption as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.**

First Reading: August 26, 2025  
Second Reading: September 9, 2025  
  
Adoption: September 9, 2025

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Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City of Venice Council, a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, a quorum being present.

**WITNESS** my hand and the official seal of said City this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney