

City of Shelbyville Plan Commission
Policy and Procedures for Limitation on Testimony and Decorum
January 7, 2026 Plan Commission Public Hearing

Adopted ___ day of _____, ____.

Authorized by Ind. Code 5-14-1.5-3.3 and City of Shelbyville Plan
Commission Rule 11.2 D

- 1) Purpose
 - a. The City of Shelbyville Plan Commission (“Commission”) values and respects Attendee participation and acknowledges that the public is entitled and encouraged to state their opinions and engage in discourse on various public matters. Based on the number of people who have signed up to testify in accordance with the City of Shelbyville Plan Commission Rules the Commission now finds it is in the best interest of the City and the Public to provide additional time and some restrictions on public testimony.
 - b. This additional time and additional restrictions shall only apply to the public hearing on January 7, 2026.
- 2) Definitions
 - a. **Attendees** – a member of the public who is physically present at the January 7, 2026 Commission meeting.
 - b. **Commission** – the City of Shelbyville Plan Commission.
- 3) Commission Duties
 - a. The Commission shall have these Policies posted in a visible area near the entrance of the meeting premises.
 - b. The Commission shall announce these Policies at the onset of meeting prior to any comments or opinions made by the Attendees.
- 4) Decorum
 - a. No person shall engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct – including but not limited to whistling, stomping of feet, booing, or making any loud, threatening, profane, or abusive utterance – that disturbs or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
 - b. The presence of signs, banners, or other similar items are not permitted during a meeting if such items disturb, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- 5) Limits on Testimony
 - a. If the Attendee wishes to make a comment and/or opinion, the Attendee shall clearly state their name, address, and if they support or oppose the Petition for Annexation.
 - b. Comments and/or opinions made by Attendees when permitted are to be addressed to the Commission.

- c. Comments or opinions of Attendees shall be limited to the appropriate issues or topics at hand.
 - d. Repetitive comments will be limited by the President at the President's discretion.
 - e. Statements
 - i. Organized: Statements representing three (3) or more interested parties or general supporters may present for up to three (3) minutes.
 - ii. General: Statements representing two (2) or less interested parties or general supporters may present for up to one (1) minutes.
- 6) Additional Time:
- a. In accordance with Plan Commission Rule 11.2 D the President may provide additional time at any time during the hearing.
- 7) Enforcement
- a. In the event an Attendee violates a Policy, impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting, or otherwise is a threatened physical safety or property, the Commission may issue a warning to the Attendee who engaged in the prohibited or disorderly conduct.
 - b. If an attendee receives three (3) warnings for engaging in prohibited or disorderly conduct, the Commission may, upon issuing a third warning, direct:
 - i. the Attendee to leave the meeting; or
 - ii. if the Attendee refuses to comply, authorize a law enforcement officer to remove the Attendee.
 - c. Nothing in this Policy and Procedure shall be construed to limit the authority of a law enforcement officer from removing an attendee immediately if:
 - i. removal of the attendee is necessary to maintain order or ensure the safety of another person;
 - ii. the attendee commits a criminal offense, including disorderly conduct pursuant to Ind. Code 35-45-1-3. ; or
 - iii. the attendee violates the rules or policies governing the conduct of the meeting as adopted by the governing body.