

INTRODUCED BY:  
MAYOR PRUETTE



ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II CITY COUNCIL, AMENDING SECTION 2-35 RULES OF DEBATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida has determined that it is necessary to be amend the following:

**Now, Therefore**, be it ordained by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida:

**Section 1.** Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-35 Rules of Debate is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-35. Rules of debate.

The following rules of debate shall be followed at city council meetings:

- (1) *Presiding officer.* The mayor or mayor pro tem or such other member of the city council as may be presiding may move, second and debate from the chair, subject only to such limitations of debate as are by these rules imposed on all members and shall not be deprived of any of the rights and privileges of a councilmember by reason of his acting as the presiding officer.
- (2) *Getting the floor; manner of address.* Every member desiring to speak shall address the chair and, upon recognition by the presiding officer, shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.
- (3) *Interruptions; calls to order.* A member, once recognized, shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to call him to order, or as otherwise provided in this section. If a member, while speaking, is called to order, he shall cease speaking until the question of order is determined, and, if in order, he shall be permitted to proceed.
- (4) *Privilege of closing debate.* The councilmember moving the adoption of an ordinance or resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.
- (5) *Motion to reconsider.* After the decision of any question, it shall be in order only for a member voting on the prevailing side to move a reconsideration at the same or the next regular meeting. If a motion to reconsider is lost, it shall not be renewed without a two-thirds vote of the members present; no motion shall be reconsidered a second time without the unanimous consent of the council.
- (6) *Entering remarks in minutes.* A councilmember may request, through the presiding officer, the privilege of having an abstract of his statement on any subject under consideration by the council entered in the minutes.

(7) *Synopsis of debate; entering in minutes.* The city clerk may be directed by a member of the council, to enter in the minutes a synopsis of the discussion on any question coming regularly before the council.

(8) In all cases involving points of parliamentary law, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the book of reference, and its rules, so far as they are applicable and not in conflict with the provisions of the city's Charter, this Code or other city ordinances, shall be the rules of the City Council.

**Section 2.** The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption by the City Council.

**VOTE RESULTS OF FIRST READING:**

Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Vice Mayor John Weldon	Absent
Councilor Fred Lee	Yes
Councilor Eric Pardee	Yes
Councilor Kara Tucker	Yes

Passed on First Reading this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

**VOTE RESULTS OF SECOND AND FINAL READING:**

Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Vice Mayor John Weldon	Yes
Councilor Fred Lee	Yes
Councilor Eric Pardee	Yes
Councilor Kara Tucker	Yes

Passed on Second and Final Reading this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Harriet Pruette  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Volpe, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

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Christopher A. White  
City Attorney