

# BOROUGH OF DUNMORE



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## Resolution #6 of 2025

### A Resolution establishing Guidelines for Public Comment at Borough Council Meetings

#### Be it resolved;

The public comment section of the agenda is an essential part of our local government meetings in the Borough of Dunmore. Below are guidelines for public comment for the Borough Council Meetings.

The public comment section of our meetings is an opportunity for members of the Borough community to inform the elected officials about their viewpoint, and to provide input, on specific business items. Borough Council then takes this input into consideration while making its decisions.

The Borough of Dunmore follows all state laws and regulations regarding procedures for public comment. Specific guidelines for public comment during Borough Council meetings are listed below. To ensure all members of the Borough community have an opportunity to be heard by Borough Council, the guidelines below will be followed during Borough Council meetings.

#### Borough of Dunmore Public Comment Guidelines:

1. If able, individuals must go up to the podium to address Borough Council. Unless necessary to provide a reasonable accommodation, comment will not be allowed from the audience sitting area.
2. Individuals must state their name and address for the record prior to making their comment. *Unless otherwise allowed by council's presiding officer, please note that Public Comment is restricted to residents and/or taxpayers of the Borough of Dunmore.*
3. Public Comment is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per individual (note that individuals may not give their time to other people).
4. Only one public comment per individual per topic will be permitted.

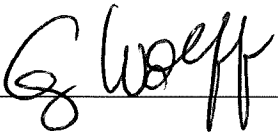
5. The public comment period is a time for Borough Council to receive information and input from residents and taxpayers of the Borough. Borough Council will listen to each person speaking as comment is given. In order to ensure that the public comment period of the agenda is orderly and all residents and taxpayers of the Borough have a fair opportunity to provide comment on those items important to them, the public comment period is not an appropriate time for a question-and-answer session. Where appropriate and applicable, answers to questions raised during the public comment period will be provided at a later meeting or, where appropriate, through follow-up with the individual commenter.
6. Similarly, Borough Council does not call on the Borough's staff and professionals to provide public answers during the meeting. The issues handled by the Borough's staff and professionals are often complex, and in order to make sure that the information being disseminated to the public is accurate, responses to questions posed during a public meeting will, where applicable and appropriate, be provided by staff at a later date—during a public meeting, or individually to the commenter, as appropriate under the circumstances.
7. Administrative staff will ensure that public comment is taken on record for Borough Council to utilize the feedback during their decision-making process, as applicable.
8. During Voting Sessions, there will be a public comment section at the beginning of the meeting prior to any votes being taken on agenda items. Any comments on specific business items on the agenda should be made at this time. Note that Public Comment will not be taken after each individual agenda item. Therefore, please utilize the public comment section at the beginning of the agenda should you want Council to consider your comment prior to a vote being taken. There will also be a public comment section at the end of the agenda for all other business matters.
9. While the public does have the right to make critical and harsh remarks, it is the Borough's expectation that everyone will do so in a respectful and courteous manner. Members of the public do not have the right to disrupt meetings. In cases of serious disruption, Borough Council will adjourn the meeting, or take such other action to resolve the disruption, as appropriate under the circumstances.
10. Those attending council meetings are permitted to use recording equipment to record both audio and video of all or any portion of the council proceedings subject to the following regulations:
  - (A) All video recording equipment shall be stationed in the rear of the Council Chamber along the wall or other such location so as not to obstruct the view of any audience member;
  - (B) Supplementary lighting devices shall not be used;

- (C) Audio or stenographic recording devices shall be operated in the general public seating area and may not be placed on the council table(s) or the stand and microphone at the front of the general public seating area without prior consent of the presiding officer of the meeting; and
- (D) Those using audio and/or video recording equipment must refrain from moving about the Council Chamber with the equipment during the meeting.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED, at the regular meeting of the Borough of Dunmore Council,  
the 14th day of April 2025.

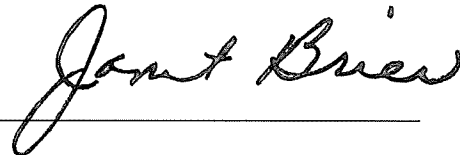
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Borough of Dunmore:



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Greg Wolff, Borough Manager



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Janet Brier, Council President