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In compliance with N.C.G.S. § 160A-81.1, the City Council establishes the following policy for a public comment period which shall be known as the Public Forum.

1. The Public Forum shall be held on the first Monday of every month beginning at 5:15 p.m. after the announcements and recognitions. The Public Forum shall last no longer than one hour. Any remaining speakers on the Public Forum list that did not get an opportunity to address the City Council will have the option to have their name placed at the beginning of the next scheduled public forum list of speakers.
2. City Residents shall be placed before all non-residents on the sign-up sheet.
3. Each speaker shall have up to three (3) minutes to address Council on issues related to the City of Fayetteville. Speakers will provide their name at the podium, but providing their address is not required. No time will be yielded to any speaker by another speaker.
4. Speakers will address Council in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall address Council from the podium and shall not otherwise physically approach Council. Any written comments and/or supporting documents shall be left with the City Clerk.
5. Speakers will be courteous in their language and presentation and shall refrain from personal attacks. The Mayor or other designated presiding officer reserves the right at all times to maintain order and decorum during the Public Forum.
6. Speakers shall not discuss the following matters during the public forum: personnel, litigation, property acquisition, attorney-client privileged information, confidential information and matters that are the subject of public hearings. Speakers desiring to speak on any of the aforementioned will be directed on the proper procedure for

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discussing those matters. Speakers will not discuss matters regarding the candidacy of any person seeking public office, including the candidacy of the person addressing the Council.

7. No dialogue shall occur between the speaker and Council. At the conclusion of the Public Forum, the Mayor, City Manager or City Attorney may provide rebuttal to any statements made during the Public Forum.
8. Anyone desiring to speak or provide written comments may sign up in advance beginning the day after the last public forum and no later than 11:59 p.m. on the day before the meeting, in person with the City Clerk in the City Manager's Office Suite, City Hall, 433 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC; by email at PublicComments@fayettevillenc.gov; by phone (910) 433-1992; or by using the website form. Speakers with handouts for the City Council may be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 11:59 p.m. the day before the meeting or handed to the Clerk prior to comments.
9. Individuals unable to attend in person, may mail written comments to the City Clerk using the address above or email them to PublicComments@fayettevillenc.gov. Written comments will be summarized by the City Clerk during the meeting.