

CITY OF HICKMAN, KENTUCKY

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 26-M-004

A MUNICIPAL ORDER ESTABLISHING A MEDIA ZONE POLICY FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF HICKMAN, KENTUCKY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE KENTUCKY OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

WHEREAS, the City of Hickman, Kentucky, is committed to transparency, open government, and public participation in municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Open Meetings Act (KRS 61.800 to 61.850) requires that meetings of public agencies be open to the public and expressly permits any person to record, photograph, or broadcast such meetings pursuant to KRS 61.840; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it necessary to establish reasonable, content-neutral regulations governing the placement and use of recording equipment to ensure public safety, accessibility, and the orderly conduct of meetings; and

WHEREAS, designating a specific media zone will facilitate recording and broadcasting while preventing disruptions and maintaining clear ingress and egress in compliance with applicable safety standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HICKMAN, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Municipal Order is to establish a designated media zone for public meetings of the City Commission and all other boards, committees, and agencies of the City of Hickman, ensuring compliance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Act while maintaining orderly and safe proceedings.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF MEDIA ZONE

A Media Zone shall be designated within the meeting room for the placement and operation of cameras, audio recorders, and photographic equipment. The location shall be determined by the City prior to each meeting and clearly identified by signage, ensuring unobstructed aisles and compliance with safety codes.

SECTION 3. PERMITTED RECORDING ACTIVITIES

Any member of the public or media may record, photograph, or broadcast public meetings from the designated Media Zone.

SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

All recording equipment shall remain within the Media Zone unless standalone and remotely operated. Standalone remote recording equipment positions shall be approved by presiding officer prior to meeting being called to order. All equipment must be set up prior to the meeting being called to order. Equipment will remain stationary until meeting adjournment. Auxiliary lighting or sound amplification that disrupts proceedings is prohibited unless approved by the presiding officer.

SECTION 5. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Access to the Media Zone shall be provided on a content-neutral and nondiscriminatory basis. The City shall not regulate recording activities based on the identity, affiliation, or viewpoint of the individual or organization.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT

The Mayor or presiding officer shall be responsible for enforcing this Municipal Order. Individuals who fail to comply may be directed to relocate equipment or cease disruptive activities and may be removed from the meeting in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 7. APPLICABILITY

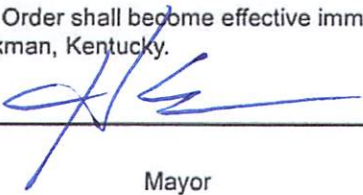
This Municipal Order applies to all regular, special, and committee meetings of the City of Hickman, as well as to any other public meetings of City boards and commissions subject to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Municipal Order is held invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Municipal Order shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission of the City of Hickman, Kentucky.



Mayor

4-27-20

Date



City Clerk

4/27/20

Date