

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AMENDED RULES OF PROCEDURE  
FOR MEETING DECORUM BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of Montgomery County, Tennessee, is the Montgomery County Commission which is governed by statute and otherwise has established rules and orderly procedures to conduct the business of Montgomery County, Tennessee, including governance by a Chair of the Commission duly elected each year and so encumbered with the duties to carry out the functions of the Commission as Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, as the importance, seriousness, and dignity of the circumstances requires, certain decorum should be observed in order to preserve properly and appropriately the nature of the proceedings, while likewise allowing the public access to the proceedings as the Commission would expect, and consistent with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws governing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has already adopted certain rules of procedure for its own internal processes consistent with all Federal, State, and Local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules Committee of the Montgomery County Commission has the responsibility for review and recommendations on the internal rules of the body and has reviewed the same and believes that the internal operating rules and procedures should be amended to preserve the function, dignity and order of the proceedings therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners assembled in regular session on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, that the procedural operating rules of the Montgomery County Commission are amended to add the following:

1. The Chairman of the Montgomery County Commission shall preserve order and decorum and speak to the points of order in preference to other members. The Chairman will have the authority to enforce the Commission's guidelines for decorum in keeping with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws.
2. The Chairman shall supervise the preparation of the agenda under the general direction and rules established by the Montgomery County Commission in accordance with the authority granted thereunder and consistent with Federal, State, and Local laws.

3. The "Sergeant at Arms", a Montgomery County Deputy, shall in the case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby of the chambers, at or near the time of the meeting, shall have the power to preserve order in the Chambers consistent with Federal, State and Local law.
4. All visitors and spectators shall have full access to the gallery so long as they preserve order consistent with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws. No person other than Commissioner's and the County Staff shall be allowed on the Commission floor during its session unless requested to appear by the Chair or the Commission as allowed by its rules.
5. No person will be allowed to deposit or present documentations, materials, publications, or other articles on the desks or the areas of the Commission floor without prior approval by the Chair who, upon approval, shall obtain copies of the same and cause the same to be distributed by members of the Montgomery County staff to each Commission member in a manner consistent with the dignity of the proceedings.
6. An area will be designated within the Montgomery County Commission Chambers for the use of audio and video recording devices by the press and others which will provide ample position and opportunity to record by audio and video means the official business of the Commission while in session.
7. No live broadcast from within the Commission Chambers of its proceedings in whole or in part is allowed. A simultaneous broadcast of the proceedings is available on the internet at "YouTube" and the same is preserved there for an extended period.
8. The area designated for the press and others who wish to make audio or video recordings will be designated by the Chair and the Sergeant at Arms will direct persons so identified to this area. Only in this area will the presence of audio and video recordings be allowed.

**Duly passed and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.**

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Ruby Ray \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attested \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk