

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**CITY OF HIRAM**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HIRAM, GEORGIA REGARDING VISITOR BUSINESS.**

**WHEREAS**, a municipal corporation “shall have the legislative power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its property, affairs, and local government for which no provision has been made by general law and which are not inconsistent with the Constitution or any charter provision applicable hereto” O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3(a);

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-24 of the Code of Ordinances authorized the City Council to enact rules of procedure for its meetings;

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enact a new Section 2-25 of the Code of Ordinances setting forth a procedure whereby citizens may present Visitor Business during the course of a City Council meeting;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council as follows:

**1.**

That the Code of Ordinances, City of Hiram, Georgia, is hereby amended by adding a new section to be numbered 2-25, entitled “Visitor Business,” which section shall read as set forth in full on the attached Exhibit A.

**2.**

This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of its passage.

**3.**

The sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase shall be declared illegal by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality shall not affect any of the remaining section, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance.

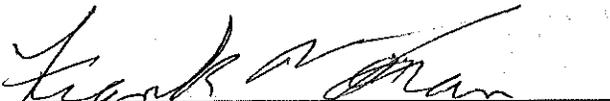
4.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

5.

All other aspects of the Code of Ordinance, City of Hiram, Georgia shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIRAM  
THIS 2nd DAY OF June, 2020.

  
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Mayor Frank Moran

  
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Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Carter, Post 5

  
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Councilperson Teresa Philyaw, Post 1

  
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Councilperson Kathy Bookout, Post 2

  
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Councilperson Jeff B. Cole, Post 3

  
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Councilperson Derrick Battle, Post 4

Attest:   
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Melissa Chosewood, City Clerk



# **EXHIBIT A**

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### **Sec. 2-25. – Visitor Business.**

- (a) Any person wishing to address the City Council at a City Council meeting may do so during the portion of the meeting entitled “Visitor Business.”
- (b) During Visitor Business, no person may advocate for or against the nomination, appointment, or election of any candidate for any elective or appointed office.
- (c) The following classes of individuals are ineligible to speak during Visitor Business:
  - (1) Individuals, including members of their campaign committees, who have filed a declaration of intention to accept campaign contributions, from the date of filing until the date that the election results for the office sought are certified.
  - (2) Individuals, including their attorneys, agents, or assigns, who are parties to litigation involving the City of Hiram and/or its elected officials, agents or employees, if such litigation is currently pending in either state or federal court or who have filed a pending ante litem notice with the City.
  - (3) Individuals who are former employees of City, including their attorneys, agents, or assigns, until the passage of 90 days following the date of termination, cessation, or resignation of their employment.
- (d) A visitor shall be allotted no more than five minutes to address the City Council, unless that time is extended by a majority vote of the City Council.