



**RESOLUTION NO. 10-21
BOROUGH OF WEST WILDWOOD**

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO RULES OF CONDUCT
AT PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WEST WILDWOOD**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners as the governing body of the Borough of West Wildwood find it necessary to establish Rules of Conduct for Public Meetings for the Borough of West Wildwood in order to have a successful, orderly and meaningful meeting to the benefit of all citizens of the Borough of West Wildwood.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the Borough of West Wildwood that the following Rules of Conduct be enacted as the following official rules of public engagement at all open and public meetings of the Board of Commissioners:


1. That the public be encouraged to participate in the public portions of the Commissioners meeting without threat, contempt or comments from other participants at the meetings;
2. That all comments be directed to the Mayor and Commissioners and not others participating in the meeting. It will be at the discretion of the Commissioners to engage appointed or other officials in the public portion of the meeting;
3. That to accommodate all who wish to participate in the public portion of the meeting that the speaker announce their name, address and topic(s) to be discussed, then limit their time to five (5) minutes on the topic(s) announced.
4. That comments be limited to meeting agenda items and other such inquiry about public policy and operations;
5. That non-productive comments that personally attack the general public, appointed and/or public officials be restricted and reserved for an appropriate form to exercise such comments.
6. That the public portion of the meeting be for "public comment", not "public debate". The Board of Commissioners will determine the need for a response to a comment and if so, how the comment will be addressed, eg. U.S. Mail, electronically or posted on the Borough's official website, etc.

- 7. That disruptive behaviors such as abusive language, use of negative epithets, protected by State and Federal Acts and other such body language that constitute obscene gestures or other body motions unacceptable to society will not be tolerated;
- 8. There will be no use of the public podium to harass, torment, disrupt, disrespect or to create general havoc.
- 9. Finally that any participant who refuses to follow the aforementioned rules of conduct will be removed from said meeting and exposing themselves to possible Federal, State or Municipal charges being filed for Court intervention.
- 10. That a copy of the "Rules of Conduct" shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the Borough of West Wildwood and within the Commissioners Meeting Room.
- 11. That notice of this action shall be printed in the Cape May County Herald within ten days following the adoption of said Resolution.

COMMISSIONERS:



MAYOR HERBERT C. FREDERICK



COMMISSIONER GERARD P. MCNAMARA

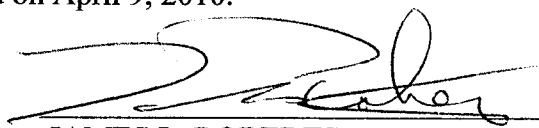
COMMISSIONER SCOTT GOLDEN

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Offered by GOLDEN Seconded by MCNAMARA

Adopted: April 9, 2010

I, James L. Roberts, Temporary Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of West Wildwood in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Wildwood, N.J. held on April 9, 2010.



JAMES L. ROBERTS
TEMPORARY ACTING BOROUGH CLERK