

**ORDINANCE NO. O-24-21**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBASTIAN, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF SEBASTIAN CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.33(h)(B) – ADDITIONAL MEETING PROCEDURES ADOPTED; PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC INPUT; PROVIDING FOR THE RESCISSION OR REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND ANY PARTS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENERS ERRORS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Charter of the City of Sebastian enables and empowers the City to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Sebastian, Indian River County, Florida, believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Sebastian to provide clear direction on City Council meeting procedures to provide for the orderly, efficient and appropriate manner of conducting public business during its meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time, the City Council wishes to amend such procedures in order to ensure an orderly, efficient means of conducting public business in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sebastian to rescind and repeal any existing Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies or Procedures in conflict herewith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTIAN, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF WHEREAS CLAUSES.** The above “Whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.33(h)(B)- ADDITIONAL MEETING PROCEDURES ADOPTED; PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC INPUT.**

The Code of Ordinances, City of Sebastian, Florida is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION  
Article II –CITY COUNCIL**

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**Section 2.33. – Additional Meeting Procedures Adopted.**

**(h) PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC INPUT.**

**B. Procedures for All Public Input.**

1. Time Limit. Individuals who wish to address the City Council on any agenda items where public input is permitted on agendas are allowed ~~five~~ three minutes to speak on that item; however, City Council may extend or terminate an individual’s time by majority vote of Council members present.

**SECTION 3. CONFLICTS - REPEAL/RESCISSION.** All prior Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies, Procedures or any parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded.

**SECTION 4. CODIFICATION - INCLUSION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.** It is the intent of the City Council of the City of Sebastian that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Sebastian’s Code of Ordinances, and that the Sections of the Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and that the word Ordinance may be changed to section, article, regulation, or other such appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be servable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. SCRIVENER’S ERRORS.** Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and corrections of typographical errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee, without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of same with the City Clerk.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed for adoption by Council Member Dodd, was seconded by Council Member Dixon, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Bob McPartlan	<u>aye</u>
Vice Mayor Fred Jones	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Kelly Dixon	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Ed Dodd	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Christopher Nunn	<u>aye</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance duly passed and adopted this 8th day of January, 2025.

**CITY OF SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA**

By: Bob McPartlan  
Bob McPartlan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Jeanette Williams  
Jeanette Williams, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form and content for  
reliance by the City of Sebastian only:

Jennifer Cockcroft  
Jennifer Cockcroft, Esq., B.C.S.  
City Attorney

