

A BILL TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NEW CENTRALIA CITY CODE SECTION 2-19.1 TO MAKE DISRUPTING A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AN UNLAWFUL MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATION.”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-19.1 of the Centralia City Code is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

As authorized by Section 79.150 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and Section 2-19 of the Centralia City Code for the Board of Aldermen to prescribe and enforce necessary rules for the expeditious transaction of public business, the following is hereby enacted to assist in preserving order, decorum and civility at Board of Aldermen meetings necessary to further the purposes of conducting public business pertaining to city government in an expeditious manner:

1. No person attending a public meeting of the Board of Aldermen including any committee meeting shall make any statement or engage in any conduct which disrupts or threatens to disrupt the public meeting, including but not limited to the following: interrupting in any way a statement being made by a City official, City employee or other person speaking at the meeting; yelling, booing, heckling or making any loud verbal noise; use of verbal or written profanity; use of any noise-making device; continuous hand clapping; stamping of feet; whistling; use of offensive, threatening or violent language, or conduct of such nature; obstructing or blocking of a door or another part of the building where or near where the Board of Aldermen meeting is being held to restrict other persons from freely walking; failure to comply with a statement given by the mayor or any other person presiding at the Board of Aldermen meeting (including a committee meeting) concerning a public meeting matter such as time limits for speaking, to stop talking, to be quiet or to take a seat; making redundant or repetitious statements; making statements not related to or relevant to city government business; or engaging in any other conduct which impedes, disrupts or threatens to impede or disrupt a Board of Aldermen meeting.
2. Any person in violation of any provision of this City Code section concerning disrupting a public meeting and who also fails to cease any such statement or conduct after being given a verbal warning to do so by the mayor or other person presiding at the Board of Aldermen meeting (including a committee meeting) shall commit the municipal ordinance violation of disrupting a public meeting, and shall be subject to arrest for such ordinance violation.
3. A photocopy of this City Code section may be posted on any City bulletin board and may be distributed or made available to any person attending a City public meeting, but such posting, availability or distribution shall not be a requirement for enforcement of this City Code section.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED this 19th day of September, 2011.

Mayor Protem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

This ordinance approved by the Mayor this 19th day of September, 2011.

Mayor Protem

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