

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE #708**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, AMENDING  
TITLE 2 RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Title 42.30 creates the Open Public Meetings Act; and

**WHEREAS** the Open Public Meetings Act does not require that citizens be allowed to participate and speak at council meetings other than public hearings; and

**WHEREAS** a Council meeting is for the conducting of Council business; and

**WHEREAS** citizens may contact Councilmembers or City staff for city business, concerns, comments, and/or requests to be placed on an agenda; and

**WHEREAS** the Council for the City of Gold Bar recognizes the importance of listening to citizens but must also balance that against the need to conduct business during a Council meeting; and

**NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS  
THAT TITLE 2.04.020 SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS.**

**Section I Revision, Title 2.04.020**

**Section III Severability**

**Section IV Effective Date**

**Section I Revision, Title 2.04.020, Audience participation during meetings**

A. Agenda Provisions. ~~There shall be two (2) audience comment sections to each agenda, one (1) before old business and one (1) before adjournment, for all regular city council meetings.~~

Audience comment sections shall be included on agendas for all regular city council meetings as set forth in the 'Council Policies and Procedures' handbook.

**Section II Severability**

This ordinance is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

**Section III Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect from, and after, its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Gold Bar this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2017.

Attest:

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Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:

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Lee Hodo, Mayor