



City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

NOTICE OF PROCEDURES WRITTEN COMMENTS DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

In an effort to protect public health and limit the potential spread of COVID-19, the City of Garden Ridge is offering an additional option to submit comments for a posted public hearing.

The public is invited and welcome to attend the public hearing in person and may submit oral comments on the matter. Alternatively, written comments on a matter contained in a posted **Notice of Public Hearing** may be submitted *up to two (2) hours before the meeting in which the public hearing will be held* via email to citysecretary@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us.

If citizens submit a written comment but choose to attend the public hearing and speak in person then be advised the written comment will not be read aloud.

When submitting written comments to be included as an official record during a public hearing, the following guidelines must be strictly adhered to and **any comments that fail to adequately meet these guidelines will not be read aloud:**

1. Comments must be received by the City Secretary before the deadline stated above.
2. Each citizen is limited to one 3-minute period, which also applies when the City Secretary is reading comments. Therefore, written comments should be limited to approximately 350 words or less.
3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
4. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
5. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.

As a reminder, all City Council and Commission meetings can be viewed live on the City's YouTube Channel or the City's Website. Additionally, these videos are bookmarked and archived on the City's Website for convenient on demand viewing.

Please feel free to contact City Hall at 210-651-6632 if you need additional information.

Respectfully,

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary