

RULES OF ORDER FOR
THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO

SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF RULES

These rules are adopted as a procedural guide for the benefit of the Commission and for the general information of the public. These rules shall apply to regular or special meetings at which action is to be taken, but shall not apply to informational gatherings of the Commission.

SECTION 2. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES

No action of the Commission which is otherwise legal shall be invalidated merely by reason of the Commission's failure to follow these Rules of Order, unless the majority of the Commission agrees that such action shall be invalidated.

SECTION 3. STANDING

No one other than a member of the Commission shall have standing to assert before the Commission that any action taken by the Commission is invalid by reason of the Commission's failure to comply with these Rules of Order.

SECTION 4. SUSPENSION OF RULES

These rules may be suspended temporarily by a majority of the Commission members present, except as they pertain to a quorum, or to the majority required for any motion, or to other matters pre-empted by laws other than those Rules of Order.

SECTION 5. PRESIDING OFFICER

The Commission Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, but if for any reason the Chair is absent from the meeting, then the Vice Chair shall preside at such meetings. In the absence or inability of both the Chair and the Vice Chair to preside over the meeting, the members may elect, by a majority vote, an acting Chair to preside over the meeting. Upon the arrival of the Chair or Vice Chair, the acting chairperson shall immediately relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately pending before the Commission.

The presiding officer shall preserve strict order and decorum at all regular and special meetings of the Commission, and shall state questions coming before the Commission as necessary for clarity, and shall announce the decision of the Commission on all subjects.

SECTION 6. QUESTIONS OF ORDER

All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer with the right of appeal from the decision to the Commission that is then present. A majority of the Commission may override the decision.

SECTION 7. VOTING

The recording secretary shall call the roll beginning with the member seated furthest to the Chair's right and continuing in that order. Records of such roll call vote shall be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

SECTION 8. RECORDED DEBATE

A Commission member may request, through the presiding officer, to have an abstract of his statement on any subject under consideration by the Commission entered in the Minutes. The recording secretary may be directed by the presiding officer to enter in the Minutes a synopsis of the discussion on any question coming before the Commission.

SECTION 9. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

A motion to adjourn shall take precedence over all other motions and shall be non-debatable; however, if such a motion is made prior to the disposition of all agenda items, the motion to adjourn must be approved by two-thirds of all Commission members present.

A motion to postpone shall take precedence over all other motions except the motion to adjourn, and shall be non-debatable.

SECTION 10. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

A motion to reconsider any action taken by the Commission may be made at any time prior to adjournment of the same meeting at which such action was taken.

SECTION 11. OBTAINING THE FLOOR

Every person desiring to speak shall address the presiding officer, shall be recognized by the presiding officer, and shall confine himself to the question under consideration.

SECTION 12. ADDING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

A Commission member may request items be added to future agendas for consideration outside of a regular meeting by sending a written request to the recording secretary at least 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

SECTION 13. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the public will be allowed five minutes to speak, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

ADOPTED by the Districting Commission this 3RD day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

ATTEST: 
Recording Secretary KARINA X BRASGALLA