

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2015

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, these procedures are designed to ensure an orderly conduct of business and to allow the tape recording of the proceedings to record all comments made with accuracy, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee welcomes public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the resident of the municipality. There will be two (2) portions, up to thirty (30) minutes in duration or as determined by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, set aside for such comment at every monthly work session meeting and regular monthly business meeting of the Committee. There will be no other public comment accepted unless directed by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or by an approved motion of the Committee, such as a public hearing, and

WHEREAS, comments relating to specific items that are scheduled for a public hearing can only be made at the time of the public hearing on the issue. In taking action on these items, the Township Committee will consider the comments presented at public hearing and any member of the committee can request the Mayor or Deputy Mayor designee for permission to question the address Township Committee, and

WHEREAS, each person who wishes to speak shall raise his or her hand to be recognized before speaking. When recognized, the speaker must state their name, address and purpose of their comments. A second opportunity for the same individual to speak will only be allowed after all others have had their opportunity, and

WHEREAS, individual's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or at the discretion of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, a maximum of five (5) minutes to allow as many residents to speak as possible. Comments must be directed only to the governing body. Other members of the Committee, municipal employees or Township professionals will respond only when requested by the mayor or his/her designee, and

WHEREAS, no intra-audience dialogue is permitted during the open session of any meeting. Such behavior is disruptive and will not be permitted, and

WHEREAS, speakers on both sides shall treat each other with courtesy and respect in both action and utterance. No personal attacks or "poisonous" rhetoric will be permitted. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor will give one warning of improper behavior or rhetoric to a speaker. On the next offense the speaker will be asked to relinquish the floor to another speaker, and

WHEREAS, closed sessions of the Township Committee will normally be held at the end of the normal business part of any meeting. Exceptions to this may be made due to professional commitments or anticipated outcomes deemed of significant public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harrison, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Rules and Regulations set forth above shall govern the procedures for all Meetings of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Harrison.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Harrison held on January 5, 2015.

**TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane L. Malloy
Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP SEAL

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and memorialized by the Township Committee of the Township of Harrison at a meeting held January 5, 2015, at the Municipal Building, 114 Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill, New Jersey.

Diane Malloy, Municipal Clerk