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2 **City Council Meetings – Order and Decorum** – For the purpose of modifying the City Council  
3 Rules of Procedure to prohibit certain items in Council Chambers without prior approval;  
4 identifying certain unacceptable behavior in Council Chambers that would warrant removal of an  
5 individual; and generally related to maintaining order and decorum at City Council meetings.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Ordinance 37-19**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderman Paone**

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15 **Referred to**

16 **90 day Rule: 1/27/20**

17 **Rules and City Government Committee**

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19 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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21 **City Council Meetings – Order and Decorum**

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23 **FOR** the purpose of modifying the City Council Rules of Procedure to prohibit certain items in  
24 Council Chambers without prior approval; identifying certain unacceptable behavior in  
25 Council Chambers that would warrant removal of an individual; and generally related to  
26 maintaining order and decorum at City Council meetings.

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28 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City  
29 of Annapolis, 2020 Edition  
30 2.16.040  
31 2.16.045

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34 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**  
35 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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37 **Title 2 – ADMINISTRATION**

38 **Chapter 2.16 – CITY COUNCIL**

39 **Article I – Rules of Procedure**

40 **Section 2.16.040 - ORDER AND DECORUM.**

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42 THE MAYOR OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL  
43 PRESERVE ORDER AND DECORUM DURING EACH MEETING OR SESSION OF THE  
44 CITY COUNCIL. THE MAYOR OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL HAVE GENERAL  
45 SUPERVISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND OVER EACH CORRIDOR  
46 ADJACENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. VISUAL DEMONSTRATIONS SUCH

1 AS WAVING OF PLACARDS, SIGNS, OR BANNERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE  
2 CHAMBERS. ANY PERSON MAKING PERSONAL, DEFAMATORY, OR PROFANE  
3 REMARKS OR WHO WILLFULLY UTTERS LOUD, THREATENING, OR ABUSIVE  
4 LANGUAGE, WHICH DISTURBS THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF A SESSION OF THE  
5 CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR OR THE PRESIDING  
6 OFFICER. THE MAYOR OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY SEEK REMOVAL OF ANY  
7 INDIVIDUAL WHO REFUSES TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. IN  
8 CASE OF A DISTURBANCE OR DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
9 CHAMBERS THE MAYOR OR THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY ORDER ANY SUCH  
10 PLACE TO BE CLEARED.

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12 **Section ~~2.16.040~~2.16.045 - Suspending order of business.**

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14 The order of business may be suspended at any time by a majority vote.

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16 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**  
17 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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**Explanation:**

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UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

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~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

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Underlining indicates amendments.

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