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COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 30-2015

INTRODUCED - JUNE 9, 2015

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL – JUNE 9, 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FOSTER CIVIL DISCOURSE DURING LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, Lancaster City Council members want to hear from the members of the public they were elected to serve; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster City Council wishes to encourage members of the public to exercise their right of free speech; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster City Council provides multiple opportunities during its meetings for members of the public to address council members on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster City Council intends to conduct its meetings in an orderly, efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster City Council wishes to promote an atmosphere of civility and mutual respect at its meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Lancaster that speakers who address City Council during public meetings will be asked to state their name and address for the meeting record, and the name of their organization, if they are representing one. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that speakers addressing City Council and members of the audience will be expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner and remain respectful of others. Loud, profane, belligerent, abusive and slanderous remarks will not be tolerated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council President may at their discretion choose to ask clarifying questions or allow other council members to do so, but that public comment is intended to be an opportunity for the public to address council and should not be expected to be a discussion or debate.

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Lancaster, in lawful session, duly assembled on the 9th day of June, 2015.

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John E. Graupera, Council President

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Bernard W. Harris Jr., City Clerk