

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION REGARDING THE TIME LIMITS OF SPEAKERS UNDER COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Caddo Parish Commission that items presented under the "Communiques and Committee Reports" item of the agenda are exceeding the time for speaking allotted for speaking on actual questions; and

WHEREAS, this causes inefficiency and unnecessary lengthiness of regular meetings and work sessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Article IV of the Caddo Parish Commission Bylaws be amended and reenacted to read as follows to-wit:

ARTICLE IV

Order and Decorum

RULE 5: No member shall speak more than once to the same question before all members of the commission desiring to speak have been heard. Members wishing to speak shall seek recognition to be put in order of debate, and shall speak when called upon by the President. Members of the Commission shall not speak on a question, nor on items presented during "Communiques and Committee Reports, for a period in excess of seven (7) minutes except by a vote of the full body which can vote to extend up to three (3) minutes. No member shall speak more than two times at the same meeting on the same question. Such limitations, as listed herein, may be changed upon a majority vote of the commission in the case of an emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date