

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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### VILLAGE COUNCIL

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## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS REGULATIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS

### 1. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

- (a) At any open session of the Friendship Heights Village Council and Council Committees, the general public is invited to attend and observe.
- (b) Except in instances when the Friendship Heights Village Council expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public attending an open session may participate in the session.

### 2. DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

- (a) A person attending an open session of the Friendship Heights Village Council may not engage in any conduct that disrupts the session or that interferes with the right of members of the public to attend and observe the session.
- (b) The presiding officer may warn any person who is disrupting the session or interfering with the right of members of the public to attend and observe the session to stop such conduct. If the conduct persists after the person has been warned to stop, the presiding officer may order the person to be removed from the session and may request police assistance for that purpose and to restore order.
- (c) The presiding officer may recess the session while order is restored.

### 3. RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHING, AND BROADCASTING OF OPEN SESSION

- (a) A member of the public, including any representative of the news media, may record discussions of the Friendship Heights Village Council at an open session by means of a tape recorder or any other recording device if the device does not create an excessive noise that disturbs members of the Friendship Heights Village Council or other persons attending the session.
- (b) A member of the public, including any representative of the news media, may photograph or videotape the proceedings of the Friendship Heights Village Council at an open session by means of any type of camera if the camera:

- (1) Is operated without excessively bright artificial light that disturbs members of the Friendship Heights Village Council or other persons attending the session; and
  - (2) Does not create an excessive noise that disturbs members of the Friendship Heights Village Council or other persons attending the session.
- (c) A representative of the news media may broadcast or televise the proceedings of the Friendship Heights Village Council at an open session if the equipment used:
- 1) Is operated without excessively bright artificial light that disturbs members of the Friendship Heights Village Council or other persons attending the session; and
  - 2) Does not create an excessive noise that disturbs members of the Friendship Heights Village Council or other persons attending the session.
- (d) The presiding officer may restrict the movement of a person who is using a recording device, camera, or broadcasting or television equipment if such restriction is necessary to maintain the orderly conduct of the session.

#### **4. RECORDING NOT PART OF RECORD**

A recording of an open session made by a member of the public, or any transcript derived from such a recording, may not be deemed a part of the record of any proceeding of the Friendship Heights Village Council.

*Approved by Village Council 10/14/25*