

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

**DISCUSSION REGARDING SPEAKING TIME LIMITS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
DURING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Summary Statement:

At the Town Council Meeting on December 13, 2011, Mayor Stanton suggested that an item be placed on a future agenda for the purpose of discussing the speaking time limits during public comments.

On January 9, 2007, amendments were made to the Town Council Rules of Procedure based on recommendations and concerns expressed by the Town Council. These amendments included setting the time limit for public comments to three (3) minutes. Before this change was implemented, staff researched time limitations for public comments which are attached (and have been updated) to this report. Based on these findings, staff recommended that the time limit for public comments be changed to three (3) minutes. This change continued to allow all speakers to be heard during the public comment portion of a meeting and the Town Council upon consensus has the authority to grant additional time to a speaker if needed.

This item will be presented by Mayor Stanton and will provide for the opportunity to present suggestions and/or receive input regarding the subject matter.

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to staff.

Proposed by: Mayor Stanton **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** Yes No N/A

Speaking Time Limits Survey

CITY	SPEAKING LIMITS
Adelanto	3 minutes
Atwater	3 minutes or less
Bakersfield	3 minutes
Bell Garden	3 minutes
Berkeley	2 minutes
Beverly Hills	3 minutes as individuals; 5 minutes if representing a group
Bradbury	5 minutes.
Brea	5 minutes
Burlingame	3 minutes. under Public Comment; 30 minutes. total
Calimesa	3 minutes.
Calimesa	3 minutes. under Public Communications
Carlsbad	5 minutes. for agenda items; 3 minutes. for non-agenda items
Chino Hills	3 minutes
Cupertino	3 minutes. for Oral Communications
Davis	3 minutes
El Segundo	5 minutes under Public Communications
Elk Grove	3 minutes
Foster City	5 minutes.
Galt	5 minutes.
Garden Grove	5 minutes. for Oral Communications
Gilroy	3 minutes
Hawaiian Garden	3 minutes
Hesperia	3 minutes
Irvine	3 minutes
La Habra	3 minutes. under Public Comment; 30 minutes. total
Laguna Niguel	3 minutes
Lake Forest	3 minutes. 30 minutes total
La Mesa	3 minutes.
Lemon Grove	3 minutes
Livermore	3 minutes. for Citizens' forum and on each agenda item
Loma Linda	3 minutes
Lompoc	5 minutes. 1 st Oral Communications; 2 minutes. 2 nd Oral Com.
Long Beach	3 minutes
Los Altos	3 minutes for less than 10 speakers 1-2 minutes more than 10 speakers
Martinez	3 minutes
Murrieta	3 minutes

Napa	5 minutes., except for applicant under specific item
National City	3 minutes
Newport Beach	3 minutes. under Public comments; 5 minutes. on each agenda item
Norco	3 minutes
Ontario	3 minutes
Orange	3 minutes
Oxnard	3 minutes. under Public Comment; 30minutes total
Palm Desert	3 minutes
Palmdale	3 minutes.
Palm Springs	3minutes
Paradise	3 minutes.; 15 minutes. total
Paso Robles	3 minutes. for Public Comments
Petaluma	3 minutes
Pico Rivera	3 minutes
Pinole	3 minutes
Placerville	3 minutes
Redding	3 minutes
Redlands	3 minutes
Redondo	3 minutes
Ridgecrest	3 minutes
Riverside	3 minutes
Roseville	3 minutes
San Bernardino	3 minutes
San Carlos	2 minutes
Santa Clarita	3 minutes
San Clemente	3 minutes
San Leandro	3 minutes
Santa Maria	3 minutes
Stockton	5 minutes
Thousand Oaks	3 minutes under Public Comments; 5 minutes. on each agenda item

Torrance	3 minutes
Upland	3 minutes
Vacaville	3 minutes
Victorville	3 minutes
Walnut Creek	3 minutes
Woodland	3 minutes
Yucca Valley	3 minutes
Yucaipa	3 minutes