



# Town of Vienna

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-1793, **Version:** 1

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**Subject:**

Two-hour limit for Town Council meetings

**EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY :**

**Strategic Plan Initiative:** *Vienna is an influential and well-governed community.*

**Departmental Recommendation :**

**Finance Recommendation :** N/A

**Purchasing Recommendation :** N/A

**Town Attorney Recommendation :** Town Council may adopt meeting rules in its discretion as long as they do not conflict with Town Code provisions set forth in Chapter 2 of the Town Code:

**Sec. 2-33. - Limitation on debate.**

No member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon any one subject until every other member choosing to speak thereon shall have spoken. Each councilmember and the mayor shall have the right to speak once on each motion, resolution, ordinance and on each amendment thereto. No member shall speak for longer than ten minutes each time without leave of council. The total time during which any business shall be considered may be limited by a majority vote of members present and voting. A motion to so limit debate is in order at any time.

**Sec. 2-42. - Procedure to make subject special order.**

To make any subject a special order shall require the consent of a majority of the members present.

**Sec. 2-49. - Procedure in absence of rule.**

In the absence of a rule in this article to govern a point of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall control.

**Town Manager's Recommendation :** I recommend the Town Council adopt meeting rules in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Town Code.

Cost and Financing: n/a

Account Number: n/a

Decision Needed by This date: n/a

**PROPOSED/SUGGESTED MOTION**

"I move that ordinary Town Council meetings be limited to two hours. If additional time is needed, Town Council can extend the meeting for 30 minutes by majority vote."

Or

Other action deemed necessary by Council.