

City Of Clayton
PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES
Commercial Smoking Ban Ordinance

The City of Clayton is engaged in a public dialogue about restrictions on smoking in our community. On May 12, the City will hold a public hearing in Council Chambers at Clayton City Hall to obtain opinions from community stakeholders. It is essential to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to hear the opinions and preferences of all of those affected by a potential decision by the City.

AT THE MAY 12TH HEARING, THE BOARD WILL HEAR COMMENTS FROM CLAYTON BUSINESS OWNERS, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES OR PERSONS WHO WORK IN CLAYTON ONLY.

Non-residents of the City of Clayton may submit comments in writing to the City Manager via email, the U.S. Postal Service or at the reception desk of Clayton City Hall at any time.

A Clayton business resident, who cannot attend the described hearing, may also submit comments in writing as outlined above.

Comments from Clayton business residents, who did not offer comments as a Clayton resident citizen at the April 28 public hearing, will be heard.

In the interest of a thoughtful and focused hearing process, the City offers the following meeting guidelines.

- * All speakers must register at the desk outside the Council Chambers before the hearing and include their name and address. Again, only Clayton business residents may give oral testimony.
- * Speaker cards must be submitted to the City Clerk before 7 p.m.
- * Speakers, who wish to include documents with their testimony, must submit the documents with their speaker cards to the City Clerk (before 7 p.m.). No Power Point or other audio-visual presentations will be allowed.
- * The Mayor will call each speaker to the front podium.
- * Speakers must limit their remarks to 3 minutes. A timer will be set at the rostrum, and the time limit will be strictly enforced to allow time for everyone to comment on the issues.
- * Repetitious or redundant presentations will be discouraged. However, speakers may acknowledge their agreement or disagreement with previous testimonies.
- * All speakers must restrict their remarks to the specific subject under consideration.
- * No signs, placards, banners or other displays of signage will be allowed in City Hall.
- * All speakers and the audience must be respectful of each other. Any disruptions caused by any individual or group will result in those persons being required to leave the building.
- * The City of Clayton recognizes and accepts the long-held veracity of the findings of the U.S. Surgeon General and countless studies that indicate second-hand smoke is harmful to people. Therefore, the question of whether second-hand smoke is or is not harmful to others is not before the Board and will not be a matter of debate or consideration in these proceedings.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen want to hear from all Clayton business residents wishing to testify. However, the City reserves the right to terminate the proceedings after a reasonable length of time has been given to the issue. The reasonable time frame is at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen.