



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 2016

### CITY COUNCIL ORDER

ORDERED, that the following rules be enforced by the City Council President and Committee Chairpersons as the official rules of the City Council Chamber; and further ordered that the rules be posted at the second and third floors entrance of the City Council Chamber:

**The City Council President, or presiding Chairperson, shall have complete authority to set and enforce the rules that follow and any other such rules that he/she deems appropriate in order to preserve decorum in the Council Chamber.**

- 1. All visitors must turn cell phone and pager volume OFF upon entry.**
- 2. No hats are allowed to be worn inside the Chamber.**
- 3. Media and visitors are asked to not converse with Councillors while in Session.**
- 4. While in Session, visitors shall not openly address the Members, the Chair or other visitors, unless specifically asked to do so by the Presiding Officer.**
- 5. Visitors must not disrupt the proceedings in any manner.**
- 6. All visitors must remain in the seating area along the east, west and south walls of the Chamber.**
- 7. The Chamber Balcony is restricted to Media only, unless otherwise specified by the President or Committee Chair.**
- 8. Visitors are not allowed to bring food or drinks into the Chamber.**
- 9. No political buttons or paraphernalia shall be displayed in the Chamber.**
- 10. Failure to cooperate with any of these rules can result in removal from the Chamber.**

**The City Council thanks you for your cooperation in helping to preserve decorum for an orderly legislative process.**