



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING **SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING FORMAT** **IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

This meeting is being conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Council meeting may be viewed live on Cox Cable Channel 24 (within La Mesa City limits), AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 (in the San Diego Region), the City's website (www.cityoflamesa.us), Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/lamesaca) or using the following Zoom Webinar options:

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Teleconference Meeting Webinar

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Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Members of the public who wish to make public comments may submit their comments by email to be read aloud at the Council meeting by the City Clerk. Email comments must be submitted to the City Clerk at comments@cityoflamesa.us by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting and be no more than 300 words. Any language beyond the 300 words shall not be read during the Council meeting. The counting of words, for the purposes of public comment submissions, shall follow the same standards as set forth in Elections Code § 9 (see Attachment A). Please note in your email subject line that this is for "PUBLIC COMMENT". All email comments shall be subject to the same rules as would otherwise govern speaker comments at the Council meeting. Form correspondence of identical content signed by different individuals shall be read aloud only once during the comment period. Immediately prior to the reading of such correspondence, the name of each signatory shall be stated aloud.

Public Comments for Items on the Agenda

Members of the public who wish to make comments on items on the agenda may do so via Zoom at the La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, California, 91942. Social distancing will be strictly enforced by City personnel at all times. It is strongly encouraged that all attendees wear a facial covering while waiting to speak regarding an agenda item. Comments may also be submitted in the same manner as stated above regarding items not on the agenda. Please note in your email subject line the agenda item number related to the comment.

State of California**ELECTIONS CODE****Section 9**

9. (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:
- (1) Punctuation is not counted.
 - (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
 - (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
 - (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.
 - (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
 - (6) Dates shall be counted as one word.
 - (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
 - (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
 - (9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 697, Sec. 3. (SB 1253) Effective January 1, 2015.)