

DRAFT - RESOLUTION 2020-7 - DRAFT

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
READING PARKING AUTHORITY,
COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA**

Adopted: March 24, 2020

ADOPTING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY.

WHEREAS, the Reading Parking Authority (“Authority”) is a body corporate and politic organized and existing under the Parking Authority Law, approved June 5, 1947, P.L. 458, 53 Pa.C.S. §5501 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (“Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority wants to adopt the Public Participation Policy that is attached hereto as Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the attached Public Participation Policy shall be immediately effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of this Authority, in lawful session duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Authority hereby adopts the Public Participation Policy attached hereto as Attachment “A”, as may be amended from time-to-time by motion of the Authority’s Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. This Public Participation Policy shall take effect immediately.

DULY ADOPTED, this 24th day of March, 2020, by the Board of Directors of the Reading Parking Authority.

ATTEST:

READING PARKING AUTHORITY

Nate Rivera, Secretary

By: _____
Frank Denbowski, Chairperson

(SEAL)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Reading Parking Authority at a meeting of said Board duly held on March 24, 2020, a quorum being present; that public notice of said meeting was given in the manner provided by law; that said resolution has been duly recorded upon the minutes of the Board, has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect this 24th day of March, 2020.

READING PARKING AUTHORITY

By: _____
Nate Rivera, Secretary (SEAL)

DRAFT - ATTACHMENT "A" - DRAFT

READING PARKING AUTHORITY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

The Reading Parking Authority ("Authority") recognizes the importance of public participation at its Board Meetings. All regular and special Authority Board Meetings shall be open to the public. Time for public comment will be provided at all of the Authority's Board Meetings.

This Public Participation Policy sets forth rules for public participation at Authority Board Meetings to ensure order and to provide a reasonable opportunity to members of the public to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Authority's Board of Directors ("Board") prior to taking official action. The following rules shall apply to public participation at Authority Board Meetings:

1. Members of the public in attendance at a Board Meeting shall conduct themselves in a responsible, courteous and respectful manner.
2. Public comment will only occur during designated Public Comment periods listed in the Authority's meeting agenda. Comments shall be related to specific Authority business. No foul language, threatening tones or other disruptive behavior shall be permitted.
3. An individual that makes threats of any type, offensive or impertinent remarks or becomes unruly shall be called to order by the presiding Board officer and may be ordered to immediately cease all further comments and/or shall be ordered to leave the Board Meeting.
4. Members of the public may not use placards, banners or other signs in the meeting room and shall not be permitted to distribute flyers, pamphlets or other written materials.
5. Each individual wishing to address the Board shall be given 5 minutes to speak. When his or her time has ended, the speaker shall cease further comments but may ask for an extension of time that the Board may grant in its sole discretion.
6. If the Board determines there is not enough time for public comments, the comment period may be deferred to the Authority's next regular Board Meeting or at a special meeting occurring in advance of the next regular Board Meeting.
7. The failure of any person to adhere to these rules may result in his or her removal from the Board Meeting.

THESE RULES ARE MEANT TO PROVIDE A BOARD MEETING THAT IS CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT AND GOOD ORDER. THEY ARE NOT IN ANY WAY MEANT TO INTERFERE WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, WHICH THE BOARD WELCOMES AND ENCOURAGES TO THE BENEFIT OF THE AUTHORITY AND TO THE PUBLIC.