

Molalla Municipal Code

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1.02.110 Councilor conduct.

A. Representing City. In all statements relating to public issues or policies, a Councilor shall take care to state whether his or her comments are personal opinions or represent the official position of the city.

B. Censure.

1. The Council may make and enforce its own rules and ensure compliance with city and state laws applicable to governing bodies. If a Councilor substantially violate these rules or state law, the Council may take action to protect Council integrity and discipline the Councilor with a public reprimand, by motion approved by the Council.

2. A motion to censure shall include a public statement by the maker as to the grounds or basis for the motion. Upon being seconded, a vote on a motion to censure shall be placed on the agenda under new business for the next regular Council meeting, but no sooner than two weeks from the date of the motion, in order for the Councilor who is the subject to the censure motion to have time to prepare an explanation or a defense.

3. Discussion on the motion to censure shall occur at the next regular Council meeting. The presiding officer shall grant the Councilor who is the subject of the motion a reasonable opportunity to present a defense or explanation. Documents relevant to the Councilor's explanation or defense may be presented to the Council for consideration. In its deliberations, the Council may seek clarification of any points raised in the explanation or defense. The presiding officer shall then call for a vote on the motion to censure. (Ord. 2008-17 §1; Ord. 2007-05 §1)

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