

## Chapter 2.08

### MEETINGS

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**2.08.010 Meetings generally to be open- Information required of attending public.**

A. All meetings of the governing body and all other boards, commissions and agencies of the municipality shall be open to the public at all times, except as provided in Sections 2.08.020 and 2.08.030 of this chapter. No action of such a body shall be taken except during a public meeting.

B. A member of the public shall not be required, as a condition of attendance at any meeting, to register his name, to supply information, to complete a questionnaire, or to fulfill any other condition precedent to his attendance except that a person seeking recognition may be required to give his name and affiliation. (Prior code § 1-312)

**2.08.020 Executive sessions.**

Executive sessions, not open to the public, of the town council and all other boards, commissions and agencies of the municipality may be held:

A. With the prosecuting attorney, town attorney, chief of police or their respective deputies, or their officers of the law, on matters posing a threat to the security of public or private property or a threat to the public's right of access;

B. To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public officer, professional person or employee, or to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee, professional person or officer, unless the employee, professional person or officer requests a public hearing. The town council may exclude from any public or private hearing during the examination of a witness, any or all other witnesses in the matter being investigated. Following the hearing or executive session, the town council may deliberate on its decision in executive sessions;

C. On matters concerning litigation to which the town council is a party or proposed litigation to which the town council may be a party;

D. When the agency is a licensing agency while preparing, administering or grading examinations;

E. To consider the selection of a site or the purchase of real estate when the publicity regarding the consideration would cause a likelihood of an increase in price;

F. To consider acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing be kept confidential;

G. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law;

H. To consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages,

salaries, benefits and terms of employment during all such negotiations. (Prior code § 1-313)

**2.08.030 Disruption.**

If any public meeting is willfully disrupted by a person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, and order can be restored by the removal of the person or persons who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the removal of such person or group from the meeting room may be ordered and the meeting continued, or the meeting may be recessed and reconvened at another location. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be acted upon in a meeting recessed to another location. Procedures for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for disturbing the conduct of a meeting shall be established by the body conducting such meeting. Only accredited members of the press or other new media, except those who participated in a disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any meeting permitted by this section. (Prior code § 1-314)