

RESOLUTION NO. 2410

**A RESOLUTION OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
ADOPTING RULES OF DECORUM FOR PUBLIC
MEETINGS AND PROVIDING FOR
PROCEDURES RELATING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township recognizes the importance of protecting the rights of its citizens and taxpayers to express their opinions on the operation of Township government and encourages their participation in the local government process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors also recognizes that there is a significant governmental interest in conducting orderly, efficient meetings of public bodies; and

WHEREAS, written rules of procedures providing for public participation help to assure an atmosphere conducive to protective and efficient meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township establishes the following rules and procedures for public participation at public meetings:

1. Any citizen placement on a meeting agenda requires a written request, detailing the subject matter, submitted to the Township seven (7) days preceding the public meeting. Such placement on the agenda shall be at the discretion of the Chair of that meeting.
2. All cell phones shall be silenced during meetings.
3. Private conversations shall take place outside the meeting room.
4. The Board shall take public comment prior to formal action.
5. The Chair shall preside or designate someone to preside over Public Comments and may within his/her discretion:
 - a. Recognize individuals that are taxpayers or residents of East Norriton Township wishing to offer comment.
 - b. Require name and address of such persons.
 - c. Permit each individual one (1) opportunity to speak.

- d. Provide for a five (5) minute maximum for each individual to offer public comment. There shall be no ceding or assigning of time. It may be requested that a spokesperson from a group address the Board or Committee.
 - e. Rule out of order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting including the questioning of, or polling of, or debating with, individual members of the Board or Committee. No yelling or chanting shall be permitted.
 - f. Require that comments shall be on the issue of debate and not directed toward individuals/groups. All comments must be courteous and not contain offensive language.
6. No signs will be permitted in the meeting room.
7. The Chair of the meeting may waive any of the above requirements.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township on the

24th day of June, 2008.

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lewis K. McQuirns
Lewis K. McQuirns, Chairman

ATTEST:

Helmuth J.H. Baerwald
Helmuth J.H. Baerwald, Secretary

