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AN ORDINANCE *De. McCarly*
10/2/00

As Ordinance to amend Section 2-104 (a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta so as to prohibit any person from ceding his/her time to another person during the Remarks by the Public portion of City Council Meetings

ADOPTED BY
OCT 16 2000

COUNCIL

AS AMENDED

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred *10/2/00*

Referred To: *Council on Council*

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First Reading

Committee _____
 Date _____
 Chair _____
 Referred to _____

Committee *COC*
 Date *10/16/00*
 Chair *Mike "Mable" Moore*
 Action: *Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)*
 Other: *no amended*
 Members *Debra M. Stamps*
Johnnie L. Lyles
Clair Muller
 Refer To _____

Committee _____
 Date _____
 Chair _____
 Action: _____
 Other: _____
 Members _____
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
 2nd
 1st & 2nd
 3rd
 Readings
 Consent
 V Vote
 ARC Vote

CERTIFIED

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 OCT 16 2000
 ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
James A. Pata

CERTIFIED
 OCT 16 2000
Ruth Douglas Johnson
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

OCT 25 2000

WITHOUT SIGNATURE
BY OPERATION OF LAW



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[Signatures: Vernon M. Canty, E. L. Morris, Jim Melby]

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WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council is charged with the governance of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, as part of its deliberations, input from the public is encouraged; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-104 of the Code of Ordinances stipulates that the Council shall hear remarks from the public at its regularly scheduled meetings for a period not to exceed 30 minutes, with each person being allowed to speak a maximum of two minutes; and

WHEREAS, the members of Council are interested in hearing from as many, and as wide a variety of persons, as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to limit each person to two minutes; and

WHEREAS, when another person is allowed to cede his/her time to someone else, that limits the number of persons from whom the Council is allowed to hear from.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA as follows:

Section 1: That Section 2-104 Remarks from the Public, which reads:

“(a) The council shall hear remarks from the public at its regularly scheduled meetings for a time period not to exceed 30 minutes, with each person being allowed to speak a maximum of two minutes. Any member of the public may speak to the council on matters of public concern, including matters of general policy, efficiency and the conduct of city government, provided that the president may rule out of order personal, abusive or indecorous language, or matters that the city has no purview over, and may limit the time allotted to such remarks for all speakers not to exceed 30 minutes, up to two minutes per speaker.”

be amended to add the following sentence:

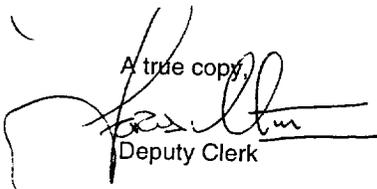
"No person will be allowed to cede his/her time to another person"

so that when amended, Section 2-104 (a) shall read:

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Section 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Amendment Incorporated by tcp 10/23/00

A true copy,

Deputy Clerk

**ADOPTED as amended by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403**

OCT 16, 2000
OCT 25, 2000

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10/16/00
7:01 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

00-O-1617

Amend Code to prohibit one from ceding
time to another during Public Remarks
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS: 8
NAYS: 5
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 1
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 1

Y McCarty	N Dorsey	Y Moore	N Thomas
Y Starnes	N Woolard	B Martin	Y Emmons
N Bond	Y Morris	N Maddox	E Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

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