

1 **AN ACTION OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RELATING TO**
2 **CIVILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF**
3 **SCRIVENER’S ERRORS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO,**
7 **FLORIDA:**
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9 **WHEREAS, City Council is the place where matters involving governance are**
10 **discussed and decided, and**
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12 **WHEREAS, the City Council meetings are the public space where City officials**
13 **execute their constitutionally mandated duties and responsibilities and the place**
14 **where the execution of these duties and responsibilities is on public display, and**
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16 **WHEREAS, civility by City officials in the execution of their legislative duties and**
17 **responsibilities fosters respect, kindness and thoughtfulness between City**
18 **commissioners, one to the other, and naturally results in the efforts of such actions to**
19 **be directed to issues and not cause personal ill will, and**
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21 **WHEREAS, civility between City officials promotes thoughtful debate and discussion**
22 **of legislative issues, resulting in better policy, and**
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24 **WHEREAS, civility by City officials promotes civil behavior between citizens, one to**
25 **the other, and**
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27 **WHEREAS, civility between citizens promotes thoughtful debate of legislative issues,**
28 **resulting in a more informed electorate, and**
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30 **WHEREAS, civility between City officials is in keeping with the democratic model of**
31 **self-governance as envisioned by the Founders, and**
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33 **WHEREAS, civility between City officials presents an opportunity to set a positive**
34 **example of conduct, and**
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36 **WHEREAS, civility between City officials is possible if each legislator remembers**
37 **that he or she represents not himself or herself but the constituents of his or her**
38 **district and city, so the conduct of a City official is a reflection of his or her**
39 **constituents, and**
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41 **WHEREAS, the City Council has provided that Robert’s Rules of Order govern City**
42 **Council meetings, including relevant provisions regarding civility, and**
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44 **WHEREAS, the City Council has further adopted a City Policy that requires**
45 **decorum by all citizens attending City Council meetings and when addressing matters**
46 **before the City Council, and**

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WHEREAS, members of the Orlando City Council have a long history of working together regardless of political views or party affiliations and the Orlando City Council has been a model of civility and decorum in the conduct of its legislative and other business, and

WHEREAS, the Orlando City Council, in partnership with the Florida League of Cities, stands ready to work together with more than 400 cities, towns and villages in the state to set an example of what it means to be civil in the political arena and beyond, supporting the League’s commitment under its new president, Orlando City Commissioner Tony Ortiz, to “Building Stronger Cities,” and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

SECTION ONE:

The City of Orlando is committed to the concept of civility as a means of conducting legislative duties and responsibilities.

SECTION TWO:

The City of Orlando encourages and requires the citizenry of the city to be civil in its discussion of matters under consideration by the Orlando City Council.

SECTION THREE: SCRIVENER’S ERROR.

The City Attorney may correct scrivener’s errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the City Clerk.

SECTION FOUR: SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance takes effect immediately upon passage.

READ AND ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

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Buddy Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Herodocia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
For the use and reliance of the
City of Orlando, Florida, only.

_____ day of _____, 2021.

City Attorney/Assistant City Attorney
Orlando, Florida

Printed Name