

## Town of Gay – Rules of Decorum

The purpose of the Rules of Decorum is to foster an atmosphere of civil and courteous discourse, even and especially, when discussing contentious topics, at all meetings held by the Town of Gay.

### A. Rules applicable to the public

1. Each speaker will be given 2 minutes during public comment.
2. Each speaker will direct his or her comments to the Mayor or presiding officer and not to any other individual present.
3. Each speaker will refrain from personal attacks, foul or abusive language, and will maintain a civil and courteous manner and tone.
4. Each speaker will speak only to the agenda item under consideration. This does not apply during the Public Comment agenda item.
5. Members of the audience will respect the rights of others and will not create noise or other disturbances that will disrupt or disturb the meeting.

### B. Rules for Members of Mayor and Council, Committees, Boards or Commissions

1. Members will conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all meetings.
2. Members will not speak until recognized by the Mayor or presiding officer.
3. Remarks by members will be directed to the Mayor or presiding officer who will then direct the appropriate person to answer.

Any violation of the Rules of Decorum may result in the violator being removed from the premises.