

Public input rules for comparable governments

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City	Population	Public input allowed on non-agenda items?	When scheduled during meeting?	Must citizens sign in? When?	Time limit	Does the board respond to citizen input? -- other information
City of Sioux Falls	153,888	Yes	after Consent Agenda	They're asked to, before or after speaking	5 min	No
Rapid City SD	67,956	Yes -- "General Public Comment"	before Consent Agenda	Yes, prior to Public Input	3 min	Item may be placed on the meeting agenda by unanimous vote -- or citizen may be asked to take issue to a Council committee
Aberdeen SD	26,091	Yes -- "Open Forum"	before Consent Agenda	Yes, prior to Public Input	2 min, total 10 min for PI	Council may request that city mgmt follow up and report back to Council -- 10 min limit can be extended by majority vote of Council
Minnehaha County	169,468	Yes	after Consent Agenda	No	No	Sometimes -- may direct staff to follow up
Sioux City IA	82,684	Yes -- "Citizens Concerns"	end of meeting	Not required	3 min, not enforced	Sometimes -- may direct staff to follow up
Sioux Falls School District		Yes	after Consent Agenda	Yes, before meeting starts	5 min	Board President may request staff or a Board member to respond immediately or may direct staff to respond in writing
Cedar Rapids IA	126,326	Yes -- "Public Comment"	After Public Hearings (½ to 3 hrs into meeting)	Yes, before meeting starts	5 min	No -- "It's the citizens' time to speak, the Council just listens"
Des Moines IA	203,433	Yes -- Citizen must submit a Request to Speak form by Wed noon prior to a Monday meeting	??	Request to Speak form 5 days prior	5 min	??
Omaha NE	408,958	"A person shall not be allowed to address the Council unless those interested in the proposition are invited to speak or the subject matter has been placed on the agenda by majority vote of the City Council."				Public can speak at staff meetings and committee meetings
Minneapolis MN	382,578	"No member of the public shall be permitted to address the council at its meetings."				Council may at any time move into "committee of the whole" status (similar to our working sessions) and public input is allowed there.
St Paul MN	285,068	No				
Fargo ND	105,549	No -- "We feel it is important that items be listed on the agenda to allow input by all interested citizens [on a topic]"				
Bismarck ND	61,272	No -- requests are forwarded to the Mayor or a Commissioner, who may ask to place it on an agenda.				