

## **Town of Dryden Code of Conduct for Public Meetings**

*The Town welcomes public participation at all meetings and recognizes the importance of maintaining civility to find common ground.*

*To advance these principles, all meeting attendees are expected to follow this code.*

1. Preserve safety, civility and order.
2. You must be recognized by the chair before speaking.
3. Listen to others respectfully and do not interrupt those who are speaking.
4. Do not block the audience from viewing the proceedings; audio/visual recording must not interfere with town's ability to conduct business.
5. Avoid raising voices beyond what is necessary to be heard by the audience.
6. Do not subject another person to aggressive pressure, intimidation, or make repeated small-scale personal attacks.
7. Refrain from behavior that will disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the peaceful and orderly conduct of the meeting, including but not limited to: heckling, whistling, yelling, and other similar demonstrations;
8. Avoid the use of profanity, obscene language, and threats that disrupt, disturb, or otherwise impede orderly conduct.
9. Avoid obscene gestures or motions that could be viewed as threatening or as an effort to intimidate. Unacceptable gestures include but are not limited to: those of a sexual nature, finger pointing and fist shaking in an overly aggressive or accusatory manner, miming the use of weapons or other violent acts.

*Failure to comply may result in removal as authorized by Penal Code §240.20*