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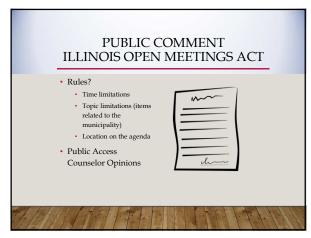
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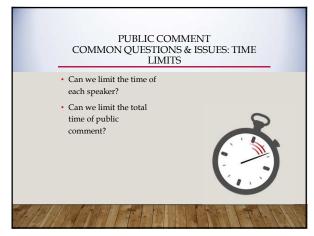
 Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2.06(h).



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PUBLIC COMMENT COMMON QUESTIONS & ISSUES: CONTENT ISSUES

- Can we limit what is discussed in public comment?
- Can speakers swear?
- Can speakers "attack" me personally?



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PUBLIC COMMENT COMMON QUESTIONS & ISSUES: PROCESS

- Can we require advance registration?
- Can speakers yield their time to other speakers?
- Where on the agenda should we place public comment?
- Do non-residents have a right to speak?



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PUBLIC COMMENT COMMON QUESTIONS & ISSUES: RESPONSES

 Do we have to answer questions or respond to public comment?





