## TPOA Board Policy On Right To Speak At Open Meetings

The Tampa Palms Owners Association encourages member feedback and recognizes their right to be heard as well as the need to conduct meetings efficiently. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute Ch. 720.303, the following procedures are adopted for the conduct of open Board meetings of the Tampa Palms Owners Association in order to provide for efficiency of the meetings while affording members the right to be heard.

Only members (owners or residents) of the Association have a right to speak; nonmembers may be allowed to speak at the discretion of the presiding officer.

- 1. A member may speak for three minutes on any agenda item.
- 2. Items not on the agenda may be addressed under these guidelines only if approved by the presiding officer.
- 3. Matters addressed must be germane to and within the authority and jurisdiction of the Tampa Palms Owners Association.
- 4. If a member wishes to discuss a matter over which the Association has no authority, the Board will seek to suggest an organization of competent jurisdiction.
- 5. A member may speak only once until all members wishing to speak for the first time have done so.
- 6. Members may speak twice on any single agenda item, but the second time is limited to one and one half minutes.
- 7. Up to five members may address a single topic; they may, if desired, donate their time to another member to speak.
- 8. The Board may grant additional time to a speaker if that speaker's time has been interrupted by a Board member's question.
- 9. Persons who refuse to comply with these restrictions may be removed from the meeting on grounds of improper conduct.

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