

Item G-1: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 309(A)(11)

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Item G-1: Statement of the Issue

On July 19, 2023, the Rent Board directed staff to amend Regulation 309(A)(11), to increase the allowable time for public speakers. Consistent with Rent Board direction, staff members are now presenting a proposed amended Regulation 309(A)(11), which will increase the time limit for each public speaker by two minutes. If a speaker needs interpretation, their time limit will be doubled beyond the proposed increase.

Item G-1: Recommended Action

AMEND Regulation 309(A)(11) to continue: (1) increase each public speaker's time limit by 2 minutes and (2) in addition to the increased time limits, double the allowable time for those speakers who require interpretation.

Item G-1: Background – Current Regulation 309(A)(11)

Currently, Regulation 309(A)(11) places the following time limits on public speakers:

- 15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 2 minutes;
- 16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 1 and one-half minutes;
- and
- 25 or more speakers, a maximum of 1 minute

Item G-1: Background – Proposal Regulation 309(A)(11)

PROPOSAL to Regulation 309(A)(11) - time limits on public speakers:

15 or fewer speakers, a maximum of 4 minutes;

16 to 24 speakers, a maximum of 3 and one-half minutes;
and

25 or more speakers, a maximum of 3 minutes

Item G-1: AGENDA Action

Staff members recommend the Rent Board adopt Proposed Regulation 309(A)(11).