

**ORDER OF THE RULES AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE
THE BEDFORD/WALTON HILLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Rules and Reference Committee, pursuant to the Rules and By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the City of Bedford and Village of Walton Hills Cuyahoga County, that:

- 1.) The rules, as amended by and through Resolution No. 2018-017, pertaining to the use of personal communication devices during the course of any and all official meetings of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party, its committees, and/or caucuses, shall be enforced forthwith effective January 28, 2019.
- 2.) The rules, as amended by and through Resolution No. 2018-018, pertaining to extraneous conversations during the course of any and all official meetings of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party, its committees, and/or caucuses, shall be enforced forthwith effective January 28, 2019.
- 3.) Decorum shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer and/or the Sergeant-at-Arms, at all times.
 - a. The usage of personal communications devices shall be limited to text message or email.
 - b. Personal communication devices shall be silenced or set to an inaudible tone.
 - c. Members shall not interrupt the presiding officer, guests, or the individual holding the floor.
 - d. The Presiding Officer, and/or anyone speaking shall be referred to by title (e.g., “Mr. Chairman,” “Councilwoman,” “Senator,” “Judge,” etc.)
 - e. All questions of the presiding officer, guests, or the individuals holding the floor, must be asked through the Chair.
 - i. Any individual holding the floor may yield for a question, but the question must be asked through the Chair.
 - f. Outbursts of any type shall not be permitted.
- 4.) The Chair may suspend the meeting for breaches of decorum.
- 5.) The Presiding Officer may seek to sanction and/or remove anyone who violates the aforementioned rules.
- 6.) These rules apply to all Members and Guests of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party, including candidates for office and incumbent officeholders.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 28, 2019