

Public Comment Policy ([NDCC 44-04-10.1](#))

Burleigh County welcomes public comment at our regularly scheduled meetings. A “Public Comment” period will be provided before the consent agenda and regular agenda.

Public Comment:

- Individual providing comment must provide their name and address on the form provided
- Restricted to Burleigh County residents and landowners
- Should not repeat items already presented during public comment period
- Public may sign form provided and signify if agree or disagree on a specific item rather than speaking if their comments do not add to the conversation
- Time limit and appropriateness at discretion of the Chair
- Limited to current agenda items or agenda items from the previous meeting.
- May be available during each agenda item at the discretion of the Chair
- Must be pertinent to Burleigh County
- May not interfere with the orderly conduct of the regular meeting
- May not be defamatory, abusive, harassing, or unlawful
- May be prohibited if an alternative procedure exists to bring that particular type of public comment before the entity, the public comment includes confidential or exempt information, or the public comment is otherwise prohibited by law.
- Misinformation presented may be corrected by the Chair or other Board Member.
- Speakers may be guided back to the topic as needed.

44-04-20.1. Public comment - Regular meetings of a public entity.

1. Every regular meeting of a governing body of a city, county, township, school district, park district, or water resource district must include an opportunity for an individual to provide public comment.
2. An individual providing comment at a meeting shall provide to the governing body in writing the individual's name and address. The individual's address is an exempt record.
3. A governing body of a city, county, township, school district, park district, or water resource district:
 - a. May limit a public comment only as follows, except as provided in subdivision b:
 - (1) By time per speaker, total time for public comment, or both.
 - (2) By agenda topic, to the agendas of the current and at least one preceding meeting.
 - b. Shall develop a policy regarding public comment rules for regular meetings. The policy may provide a public comment:
 - (1) Must be pertinent to the public entity.
 - (2) May not interfere with the orderly conduct of the regular meeting.
 - (3) May not be defamatory, abusive, harassing, or unlawful.
 - (4) May be prohibited if an alternative procedure exists to bring that particular type of public comment before the public entity, the public comment includes confidential or exempt information, or the public comment is otherwise prohibited by law.