



Lake Havasu City Invocation Guidelines and Requirements

Participants providing invocations must agree to abide by the following guidelines and requirements:

1. The purpose of the invocation is to provide a brief, solemn and respectful opening to meetings, lend gravity to the proceedings, and honor the history and tradition of Lake Havasu City and the United States.
2. The invocation shall be a voluntary (delivered without compensation) offering for the benefit of the City Council.
3. The invocation shall not exceed three (3) minutes in length. The City will not edit or approve invocations in advance of delivery. Speakers are encouraged to practice their invocation before the designated meeting and estimate the time needed to complete the invocation to ensure there is no disruption to the invocation.
4. The invocation should be as broad or inclusive as possible and avoid divisive political statements.
5. The invocation should not proselytize, evangelize, or claim the superiority of one faith, or claim the superiority of faith over no faith. The invocation should not misstate the law or history.
6. No member of the City Council, City employee, or any other person in attendance at a meeting shall be required to participate, stand, or bow heads in any invocation or prayer that is offered.
7. The invitational speaker must be a resident of Lake Havasu City having resided in Lake Havasu City for at least one year prior to the submission due date.
8. Any invitational speaker who violates this policy shall be subject to disqualification from offering future invocations.
9. City reserves the right to make changes to the invocation schedule as needed and will provide participants with as much notice as possible under the circumstances.

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