



SB 707

Brown Act Amendments -

Council Actions

May 12, 2026

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Today's Presentation

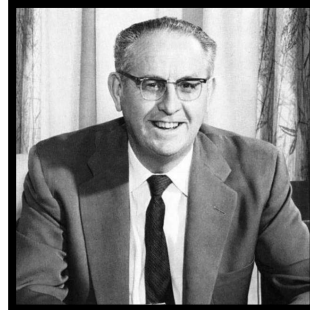
 **Background on SB 707 Amendments**

 **Prior Council Review/Action**

 **Next Steps**



Background



The Brown Act

SB 707 (2025)



Implementation



Prior Council Review/Action

March 10, 2026

- Study Session on SB 707
- Council gave direction to staff

April 21, 2026

- Adopted Council Policy 000-76 “
- Repealed Council Policy 000-34 “Citizen Public Appearances and Addressing the Council on Agenda Items”

Next Steps



Amend:

City Council Manual of Procedures & Protocols



Adopt:

Internet and Telephonic Service Disruption Policy for City Council Meetings



Amend:

Council Policy 000-20 “Citizen Participation”



Introduce:

Ordinance to amend SRCC 1-10 – OG

Amend City Council Manual of Procedures and Protocols

1. §I.H – Disruptions and §V. G – Decorum and Order, Audience.
2. § II.E – Public Comments on Agenda Items, and both the first and second Public Comments on Non-agenda Matters
3. § IV.B – Right to Address Council - to correct previous clerical errors and remove reference to Council Policy 000-34, and reference SRCC §1-10.060 – Public Access and Comment
4. §IV.D – Manner of addressing Council – to update process for further alignment with SRCC §1-10

Council affirmed this recommendation during the March 10, 2026, study session.

Adopt Internet and Telephonic Service Disruption Policy for City Council Meetings



Procedures in the Event of a Service Disruption



Efforts to Restore Service no less than 1hr



Reconvening the Open Session:
If service restored
If service *not* restored



Recordkeeping and Communication

Council affirmed this recommendation during the March 10, 2026, study session.

Amend Council Policy 000-20 “Citizen Participation”



- Modernize language
 - Updating title to: “Public Participation”
- Align with current organizational structure and operations

Council affirmed this recommendation during the March 10, 2026, study session.

Amend SRCC 1-10

- 1-10.040 - Broadcast
- 1-10.060 – Public Access and Comment
- 1-10.070 – Minutes



Council affirmed the related recommendations for the above sections of SRCC during the March 10, 2026, study session.

Amend SRCC 1-10.030 – Interpretation

Council gave direction

- explore using bilingual staff during disruption

Human Resources

- evaluated this option



Determined not appropriate:

- Interpretation is a regulated profession
- Job scope & compensation impacts
- Create equity and consistency concerns
- Risk management and service quality

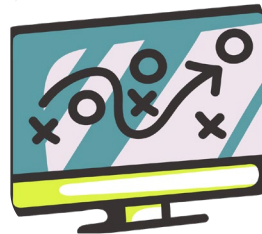
Disruption History



1 disruption in 5 years



Resolved in 2hrs



IT refined and Improved

Amend SRCC 1-10.030 – Interpretation

To allow meetings to proceed if language Interpretation services are disabled due to internet service disruption:

1. After making findings of good cause that reconvening the meeting and hearing any remaining time-sensitive agenda items, outweighs the public interest in providing interpretation services. **This exception should be used sparingly and not applied to proceed with non time-sensitive agenda items** where required interpreter services are not available.
2. Additional post-meeting outreach efforts must be made by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Office in English, Spanish, and any additional language required related to any actions taken by Council during Spanish language interpretation service disruption.

Recommendation

- The City Clerk's and City Attorney's Offices recommend that the Council, by three separate resolutions and one ordinance:
 1. Amend the City Council Manual of Procedures and Protocols (CCMPP)
 2. Adopt Council Policy entitled "Internet and Telephonic Service Disruption Policy for City Council Meetings"
 3. Amend Council Policy 000-20 entitled Citizen Participation; and
 4. Introduce an ordinance entitled Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Rosa to amend Chapter 1-10 – Open Government, Sections 1-10.030, 1-10.040, 1-10.060, 1-10.070

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QUESTIONS?