

POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT

It has long been the policy of the Borough of Ambler to receive public comment in accordance with the state Sunshine Law. The Sunshine Law requires that residents and taxpayers be permitted to comment on matters before they are voted on. There has never been a time when Ambler has failed to abide by this law, including with respect to the KaneCore project.

Some Borough residents are in favor of the project. Some are against it. They have spoken out at public meetings and presented many different arguments, pro and con. Also, with internet sites concerning the project, mailing campaigns, and conversations between residents and non-residents, it is unlikely that the concerns of non-residents have gone unheard.

We feel that Ambler has been unfairly criticized for following the Sunshine Law. However, we also know that our position has led to ugly remarks and the incorrect belief by some people that Ambler has no concern or regard for the residents of the surrounding townships. This is completely untrue.

In order to foster continuing good relations with our neighbor townships, and to avoid any claims that the Borough is attempting to limit differing points of view, we will accept public comment from the residents of Whitpain, Whitemarsh, Lower Gwynedd and Upper Dublin townships, in addition to those of Borough residents, at the public hearings to be conducted by Council on the proposed ordinance change. The usual guidelines will be enforced, namely:

1. "Comment" shall refer to a statement of your position on the proposed ordinance change.
2. Comment does not mean debate with members of Council. Presentations, exhibits, and the like will not be accepted. Personal attacks are not allowed.
3. In some cases, where someone has expressed a concern or opinion, Council may ask for others who were going to say approximately the same thing to raise their hand so that their name may be taken for the record.

Thank you in advance for abiding by these rules.

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Ambler Borough Council President