

## **Amendment 1 Version 1\* to Res 32096 – LEG 2023 Amended Council Rules RES**

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Councilmember In-person Participation

**Effect:** This Amendment amends the City Council Rules of Procedure to require in-person participation by Councilmembers in City Council meetings and Committee meetings. The amendment grants six enumerated exceptions to in-person participation for circumstances such as personal or family health matters, off-site Council meetings, work-related travel, or family obligations. When Councilmembers attend City Council or Committee meetings remotely, the Amendment further requires that Councilmembers have their video on during roll call and voting.

### 1. Amend Attachment 1 to Resolution 32096 as follows:

Rule II.A.6 regarding Regular Meetings is amended as follows:

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#### **A. Regular Meetings – Time; Location; Quorum; Preliminary Agenda.**

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6. The Council prefers to conduct its business in person when practicable. ~~(( Recognizing that CMs may not be able to attend every meeting in person due to unavoidable and sometimes unforeseeable circumstances, any CM may at their sole discretion participate and vote by any electronic means (e.g., multi-party telephone or video conferencing) utilized by the Council for such purpose provided that the Office of the City Clerk is able to accommodate such participation.))~~ CMs shall attend regular and special Council meetings in-person except when:

- a. Traveling for work-related business.
- b. Working off-site to attend to the needs of a family member or friend.
- c. Working from home to prevent the spread of infectious disease.
- d. The meeting is held offsite from the Council Chamber, such as a public hearing at a community center.
- e. The meeting is scheduled to occur after normal business hours when family obligations may require that Councilmembers work from home.
- f. CM, or member of CM's household, is immunocompromised.

A CM using an exception above may participate and vote by any electronic means (e.g. multi-party telephone or video conferencing) utilized by the Council for such purpose provided that the Office of the City Clerk is able to accommodate such participation. When attending meetings remotely, CMs must have their video on for roll call and when voting.

\*Amendatory language and deletions in black for readability.

2. Amend Attachment 1 to Resolution 32096 as follows:

Rule II.B.3 regarding Special Meetings is deleted as follows:

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**B. Special Meetings – Calling; Notice; Limitations; Location.**

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~~((3. The Council prefers to conduct its business in person when practicable. Recognizing that CMs may not be able to attend every meeting in person due to unavoidable and sometimes unforeseeable circumstances, any CM may at their sole discretion participate and vote by any electronic means (e.g., multi-party telephone or video conferencing) utilized by the Council for such purpose provided that the Office of the City Clerk is able to accommodate such participation.))~~

3. Amend Attachment 1 to Resolution 32096 as follows:

Rule II.C.4 and C.5 regarding Emergency Meetings is amended to modify Rule II.C.4 and strike Rule II.C.5 as follows:

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**C. Emergency Meetings – Calling; CMs' Electronic Attendance.**

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4. If a natural disaster, fire, flood, earthquake, enemy attack, imminent enemy attack, or other catastrophic emergency that renders a CM's physical attendance at a meeting impracticable, or if approved by a majority of CMs present and voting at an emergency meeting, the CM may participate and vote by any electronic means (e.g., multi-party telephone or video conferencing) utilized by the Council for such purpose and in-person participation provisions in Rule II.A.6 shall not apply.

~~((5. The Council prefers to conduct its business in person when practicable. Recognizing that CMs may not be able to attend every meeting in person due to unavoidable and sometimes unforeseeable circumstances, any CM may at their sole discretion participate and vote by any electronic means (e.g., multi-party telephone or video conferencing) utilized by the Council for such purpose provided that the Office of the City Clerk is able to accommodate such participation.))~~