

City of Annapolis

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Title: City Council Meetings - Attendance - For the purpose of allowing a member of the City Council to

attend a regularly scheduled Council meeting by electronic means; placing limitations on remote

attendance; and generally related to attending Council meetings remotely.

Sponsors: Sheila Finlayson

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_	5/26/2020	1	City Council	adopt on second reader	Pass
	5/26/2020	1	City Council	adopt on third reader	Pass
	5/12/2020	1	Rules & City Government Committee	recommend favorably	Pass
	5/11/2020	1	City Council	declare the public hearing closed	
	4/27/2020	1	City Council	refer	
	4/27/2020	1	City Council	adopt on first reader	Pass

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE

City of Annapolis

Ordinance 11-20

Introduced by: Alderwoman Finlayson Co-sponsored by:

Referred to

Rules and City Government Committee

90 day Rule: 7/27/20

AN ORDINANCE concerning

City Council Meetings - Attendance

FOR the purpose of allowing a member of the City Council to attend a regularly scheduled meeting by

electronic means; placing limitations on remote attendance; and generally related to attending Council meetings remotely.

BY repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2020 Edition 2.16.020

SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

Title 2 - ADMINISTRATION Chapter 2.16 - CITY COUNCIL

Section 2.16.020 - Place of meeting - ATTENDANCE.

- <u>A.</u> The place of meeting of the City Council shall be the room known as the council chamber of the municipal building and no meeting shall be held elsewhere except by a majority vote of all members.
- B. MEMBERS SHALL ATTEND ALL REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN PERSON.
- <u>C.</u> IF A MEMBER IS UNABLE TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DUE TO SERIOUS EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND DESIRES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FROM A REMOTE LOCATION, INCLUDING VOTING, THE MEMBER MAY DO SO WITH THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT PROVIDING:
 - 1. THE MEMBER MAKES A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE TO THE CITY COUNCIL, THROUGH THE MAYOR, NO LATER THAN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING;
 - 2. THE CITY HAS THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE SUCH REMOTE ACCESS TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING;
 - 3. THE MEMBER HAS AT HAND ALL THE MATERIALS FOR THE MEETING;
 - 2. THE MEMBER CAN BE CLEARLY HEARD, SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD BY ALL THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING; AND
 - 4. THE MEMBER CAN CLEARLY HEAR, SEE AND UNDERSTAND ALL THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
 - D. IF REMOTE PARTICIPATION IS DENIED, THE MEMBER WILL BE LISTED AS ABSENT.
- E. EACH MEMBER MAY ATTEND A MAXIMUM OF THREE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING ANY CALENDAR YEAR. ATTENDANCE FOR ANY PORTION OF A MEETING SHALL COUNT AGAINST THE

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MAXIMUM ALLOWED.

SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Explanation:

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law. Strikethrough indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.