



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 022-036
DATE OF PASSAGE May 10, 2022

An Ordinance amending Sec. 2-80(b) of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to remote meeting attendance.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act authorizes public bodies to adopt rules permitting its members to attend meetings by video or audio conference in the manner and to the extent permitted by Section 7 of said Act; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019, pursuant to said authority, the City Council adopted Ordinance O19-032 creating Sec. 2-80(b) of the Code of Ordinances, in recognition of the fact from time-to-time medical and emergency circumstances beyond the control of elected officials may make it impossible to attend meetings in person, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Sec. 2-80(b) represents an appropriate balance between the public's interest in full participation of the City's elected officials in the governance of the City and a need for flexibility in limited situations; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to further revise Sec. 2-80(b) to address situations where a member may be required to temporarily avoid in-person contact with others due to an illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that Sec. 2-80 of the Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as more fully set forth in Exhibit A.

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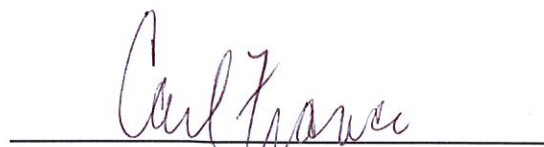
PASSED AND APPROVED ON May 10, 2022

AYES 12 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 0

ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Llamas, Ward 1	yes
Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2	yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	yes
Alderman Donnell, Ward 4	yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	yes
Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Ward 7	yes
Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8	yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	yes
Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10	yes
Alderman Woerman, At Large	yes
Alderman Jenkins, At Large	yes

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor Pro-Tem, Carl Franco

1 Sec 2-80 Attendance

2 (a) At the time set for a meeting of the city council, if
3 there is less than a quorum present, one (1) or more of the
4 aldermen present may compel the attendance of the absentees by
5 issuing an order in writing to the police chief, or any official
6 or member of the police department, to bring to such meeting any
7 and all absent members found in the city who are not unable,
8 through sickness, to attend.

9 (b) If a quorum of the city council or any of its committees
10 is physically present at the location of a duly-noticed meeting
11 as required by the Open Meeting Act, a majority of the city council
12 or the committee, as the case may be, may permit a physically
13 absent member to participate in the meeting by video or audio
14 conference, provided that the member is prevented from physically
15 attending the meeting because of a an—extended (1) personal
16 illness or disability, including, but not limited to, situations
17 where the member has contracted or may have been exposed to a
18 contagious disease and is required or expected to avoid contact
19 with others during the time of the meeting, or (2) a family or
20 other emergency reasonably expected to extend beyond eight (8)
21 fourteen (14) consecutive days that requires the member's ongoing
22 and personal participation. If a member wishes to attend a meeting
23 by other means, the member must notify the city clerk or the
24 committee secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours before the

1 meeting unless advance notice is impractical. A physically absent
2 member may not preside over a meeting via video or audio conference,
3 however, he or she may participate in the meeting to the same
4 extent as physically present members. A physically absent member's
5 participation by video or audio conference shall be reflected in
6 the minutes of the meeting. The ability of a member to attend a
7 meeting other than by their personal physical presence under this
8 section shall be narrowly construed as a limited exception to the
9 public policy of this state that members of public bodies shall
10 conduct their business in the physical presence of the public.

11 (c) To the extent permitted by law, the city council or any
12 of its committees may conduct meetings without the physical
13 presence of a quorum, provided that such meetings comply with the
14 requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Meetings conducted under
15 this paragraph shall offer members of the public an opportunity
16 to offer public comment in substantial accord with the rules
17 adopted by the city council or committees.

18 (Code 1969, § 2-69; Ord. No. 019-032, Exh. A, 5-28-19)