

Gen. Ord. No. 4 - 15 - 16. By Alderperson Burg. June 1, 2015.

AN ORDINANCE creating Section 2-138 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Remote attendance at meetings," so as to permit and regulate participation in meetings by telephone, video conference, or other means.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2-138 of the City of Sheboygan Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-138. *Remote attendance at meetings.*

- (a) *Remote attendance permitted.* A member of a city governmental body, as defined in Wis. Stats. § 19.82(1), who desires to appear at a meeting by telephone, video conference, or other remote method of participation shall be entitled to participate and vote to the fullest extent possible, except as follows:
 - (1) The member shall not be entitled to participate and vote on any matter that requires the visual assessment of a witness's demeanor if the member is unable to make such a visual assessment.
 - (2) The member shall not be entitled to participate and vote on any matter that requires the visual assessment of physical evidence or exhibits that have not been previously reviewed by the member.
- (b) *Quorum.* A member who is not physically present shall not count towards a quorum.
- (c) *Proper equipment.* Appropriate equipment shall be used so that the attending public can readily observe or hear such person's participation in the meeting.
- (d) *Notice.* Whenever a city governmental body anticipates that a member will appear by telephone, video conference, or other remote method of participation, the meeting agenda shall specifically and conspicuously identify which person(s) or member(s) shall be appearing by such means.
- (e) *Exceptions.* No person shall be allowed to participate in any meeting where the meeting notice failed to state the person would appear by telephone/conference means or where such equipment is unavailable or unusable at the time of the meeting."

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Section 2. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and publication.



I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 19th day of October, 2015.

Dated October 23 2015. Lisa Richards, City Clerk

Approved October 23 2015. Michael J. Anderson, Mayor

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