

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2630

AN ORDINANCE TO
AMEND §19-1E. REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE PERMITTED, OF THE MUNICIPAL
CODE, TO AUTHORIZE THE REMOTE ATTENDANCE OF AN ALDERPERSON AT
COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS UPON TEMPORARY HEALTH CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO THE ALDERPERSON NOT ALLOWING FOR PHYSICAL MOBILITY
TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON

WHEREAS, §19-1E. Remote Meeting Attendance Permitted, of the Municipal Code, currently provides authorization for the remote meeting attendance by applicant representative(s) with regard to application items upon a meeting agenda, and also for City-retained consultants with regard to subject matter item(s) upon a meeting agenda, under circumstances for which such remote attendance reasonably should be authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council having considered circumstances under which an Alderperson may not be able to attend a Common Council meeting due to a current at the time health related physician directed temporary inability to physically attend a meeting condition, the public interest in Alderpersons attending a meeting, and having determined that §19-1E. of the Municipal Code should be amended to incorporate same accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Franklin, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: §19-1E. Remote Meeting Attendance Permitted, of the Municipal Code of the City of Franklin, Wisconsin, is hereby amended to read as follows:

E. Remote meeting attendance permitted. Common Council meetings attendance by way of telephone and/or electronic audio and/or video communication is permitted for attendance by an Alderperson due to a current at the time health related physician directed temporary inability to physically attend a meeting condition, applicant representative(s) with regard to application items upon a meeting agenda, and also for City-retained consultants with regard to subject matter item(s) upon a meeting agenda, provided that live streaming for those meetings is enabled so the public would be able to watch and listen, and provided that the Chairperson for the subject meeting was informed of the remote attendance request at least 48 hours in advance of the start of the meeting, and determined that under the circumstances presented, i.e., health related physical inability to attend by an Alderperson as aforesaid, travel distance, other scheduled work requirement, or the like, permission for remote attendance is appropriate, at least 24 hours in advance of the start of the meeting.

SECTION 2: The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in contravention to this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin this 6th day of August, 2024, by Alderman Hasan.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin this 6th day of August, 2024.

APPROVED:


John R. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shirley J. Roberts, City Clerk

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