



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 019-032
DATE OF PASSAGE May 28, 2019

An Ordinance amending Section 2-80 of the Code of the City of Aurora to adopt rules authorizing the members of the City Council to attend meetings by other means as narrowly permitted by Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act.

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, the City Council wishes to adopt such rules for itself and for its committees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the rules set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance appropriately balance the public interest in full participation of the City's elected officials in the governance of the City and a recognition that from time-to-time medical and emergency circumstances beyond the control of those elected officials may make it impossible to attend meetings in person, and are otherwise in compliance with all of provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act.

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

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON May 28, 2019

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ATTEST:

Wendy M. Cambridge
City Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

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 aldermen
4 present may compel the attendance of the absentees by issuing an
5 order in writing to the police chief, or any official or member of
6 the police department, to bring to such meeting any and all absent
7 members found in the city who are not unable, through sickness, to
8 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 as
11 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 an extended (1) personal illness
16 or disability or (2) a family or other emergency reasonably
17 expected to extend beyond fourteen (14) consecutive days. If a
18 member wishes to attend a meeting by other means, the member must
19 notify the city clerk or the committee secretary at least twenty-
20 four (24) hours before the meeting unless advance notice is
21 impractical. A physically absent member may not preside over a
22 meeting via video or audio conference, however, he or she may
23 participate in the meeting to the same extent as physically present

1 members. A physically absent member's participation by video or
2 audio conference shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.