



CITY OF RACINE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

VIRTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, and on April 9, 2020, I proclaimed a public health emergency to exist in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to spread the southeastern Wisconsin region, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

Whereas, protecting the health and safety of City of Racine residents and employees, and elected officials, is of paramount importance; and

Whereas, the Common Council, its committees, and the various boards, authorities, and commissions of the City of Racine must recommence meetings in an orderly, safe, and health manner; and

Whereas, members of City of Racine governmental bodies shall, during the pendency of the current public health emergency, be afforded the opportunity to attend meetings through video conferencing or telephonically as available technology permits.

Now therefore, in accordance with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Racine by Wisconsin Statutes sections 62.09(8)(a), 323.11, and 323.14(4), I do declare, proclaim, and order as follows:

Notwithstanding any existing practice, any member of any City of Racine governmental body, including the Common Council and any committee thereof, who appears at any meeting by way of video conferencing or telephonically—during the pendency of the current public health emergency—shall be considered to be in attendance for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum for any such meeting.

Nothing in this order shall prohibit the chair of any meeting of any City of Racine governmental from finding that any member thereof has departed any meeting by disconnecting or by failing to actively participate in such meeting and, so, determine the continuing existence of a quorum.

The City of Racine City Clerk and the City of Racine Director of Management Information Services is authorized and directed to undertake any necessary actions to carry this order into effect.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 17th day of April, 2020.


Cory Mason
Mayor