

## Declaring Electronic Meetings

### City of Oronoco

#### Mayor Ryland Eichhorst is making a Declaration Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means for the Oct 19, 2021 City Council Meeting

As the Mayor of the City of Oronoco, I find as follows:

- a. The coronavirus ("COVID-19") has been declared a health pandemic and national and state, have been declared.
- b. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19.
- c. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized the global outbreak COVID-19 as a pandemic.
- d. On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump proclaimed the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency.
- e. On March 20, 2020, Governor Timothy J. Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12 declaring the outbreak of COVID-19 in Minnesota a peacetime emergency. On March 16, 2020, the Minnesota Executive Council extended Executive Order 20-01 for 30 days.
- f. On March 25, 2020, Governor Timothy J. Walz issued Executive Order 20-20 under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12 declaring a statewide shelter in place order.
- g. The Minnesota Department of Health has provided specific guidance encouraging postponement or cancelation of events that do not allow social distancing or at least six feet.
- h. Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 authorizes cities to meet by telephone or electronic means if it is determined that meeting in person is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.
- i. I have the consulted with the City's chief legal counsel, Mike Flaherty regarding the current situation.

Based on the above findings, I determine has follows:

1. Due to the current health pandemic complying with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, would threaten the health safety and welfare of City officials, City staff, and the public.
2. Due to the current pandemic declared under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, it is not practical or prudent for the city to conduct in person meetings with those affected by Covid-19 or like symptoms.
3. Until further notice, or until such time as the State of Minnesota determines to no longer be in a state of a health pandemic, meetings of City Commissions governed by Minnesota Statute, Section 13D may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means.
4. All meetings of City Commissions shall comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statute, section 13D.021.

Dated: \_\_19 Oct 2021\_\_

  
Ryland Eichhorst  
Mayor  
City of Oronoco