

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-_____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TEMPORARY RULES CONCERNING PUBLIC COMMENT, PARTICIPATION, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AT VILLAGE PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove has a long tradition of encouraging and welcoming public comment and participation at meetings of the Village's public bodies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Act, on March 9, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster declaration for all counties in the State of Illinois in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which will continue through April 7, 2020, unless otherwise extended (the "***Disaster Declaration***"); and

WHEREAS, following the Disaster Declaration, the Governor issued several executive orders that are intended to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health and safety, which orders affect certain Village operations and services as well as the Village's residents and business community; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-07 suspends for the term of the Disaster Declaration certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*, that require in-person attendance by members of public bodies at meetings and limit the circumstances under which remote attendance is permitted; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-07 also encourages public bodies to provide members of the public with remote access to meetings and information about government activities so that they may monitor and stay apprised of Village meetings and activities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-10 established "stay at home" directives and social distancing requirements (with exceptions for essential businesses and operations) that, among other things, prohibit public and private gatherings of 10 or more people and require individuals to maintain six-foot social distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during the term of the Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-10 further provides that municipal government services and activities that are needed to ensure continuing government operations or to support the health, safety, and welfare of the public are essential government functions that are not restricted by Executive Order 2020-10, and individuals are not prohibited from performing or accessing such essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow for continuation of and public access to essential Village functions, while also facilitating the Governor's directives to limit gatherings and maintain social distancing, the Village Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to adopt "Temporary Rules Concerning Public Comment, Participation, and Social Distancing at Village Public Meetings" (the "**Temporary Rules**"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds and determines that the Temporary Rules will effectively facilitate remote public participation in and access to essential Village activities at public meetings in order to promote social distancing and other precautions relating to the COVID-19 outbreak consistent with the directives of the Governor and State and local health officials; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that approving the Temporary Rules will be in the best interest of the Village and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this Resolution by this reference as findings of the President and Village Board.

SECTION TWO: APPROVAL. The Temporary Rules are hereby approved.

SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution and the Temporary Rules shall be in full force and effect upon the passage and approval of this Resolution. The Village Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the Temporary Rules on the Village's website and

disseminate the Temporary Rules in such other manner that the Clerk determines most likely to effectively advance the goal of safe and effective public participation in the affairs of the Village.

PASSED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A
Temporary Rules

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