

# CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

## RESOLUTION NO. R20-02 CMS

A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISION OF SUB. H.B. 197 THAT RELATE TO THE CONDUCT OF PUBIC MEETINGS AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2020-01D, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency for the entire State to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the risks associated with exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to Executive Order 2020-01D the Governor has initiated other requirements greatly limiting in-person social contact; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency within the State of Ohio presents a direct and substantial threat to the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Oberlin and other members of the public, city employees staff and elected and appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State Legislature has passed Sub. H.B. 197, as an emergency measure, which among other provisions, grants members of a public body permissive authority to hold, attend and take public actions in public meetings by teleconference, video conference or any other similar electronic technology provided that certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, Sub. H.B. 197 was signed into law by the Ohio State Governor on March 27, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D but not beyond December 1, 2020, or unless otherwise determined by Council, the public meetings of the Oberlin City Council will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sub. H.B. 197, amendment No. G-0351-2.

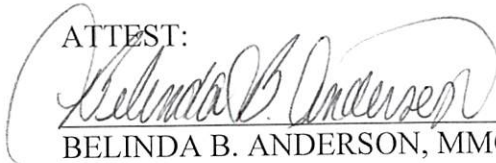
SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, to wit: *to implement the provisions of Sub. H.B. 197 as they that relate to the conduct of the public meetings of council without delay* and shall take effect immediately upon passage

and, provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: April 1, 2020 (E)  
2nd Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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LINDA SLOCUM  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 04/02/2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/01/2020