

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

### **RESOLUTION No. R20-09 CMS**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO URGE GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE AND THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, 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, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Sub. H.B. 197 as they relate to electronic meetings will expire on December 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, Ohio has experienced a large spike of positive COVID-19 cases recently; and

WHEREAS, with the increase of COVID-19 cases and the deadline of December 1, 2020 quickly approaching there is an immediate need to address the safety and security of our Ohio communities by extending this deadline, and

WHEREAS, Oberlin City Council supports the extension of the December 1, 2020 deadline of Sub. H.B. 197 to continue to authorize public bodies to hold, attend and take public actions in public meetings by teleconference, video conference or any other similar electronic technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Oberlin, State of Ohio, That:

SECTION 1. The Oberlin City Council hereby urges Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Legislature to support and approve an extension of the provisions of Sub. H.B. 197 as they relate to the authority for public bodies to hold, attend and take public actions in public meetings by teleconference, video conference or any other similar electronic technology; and met; and

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Mike DeWine of the State of Ohio, to the Clerk of the Ohio State Senate and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly

elected State Senators and also forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Ohio House Representatives and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly elected State Representatives.

SECTION 3. 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 action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 4. 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, Ohio or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit: to express Council's support for the continuation of the provisions of Sub. H.B. 197 as they relate to the conduct of public meetings without *delay* 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 date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: November 16, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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LINDA SLOCUM  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 11/17/2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/16/2020

**CERTIFIED COPY**

I Belinda B. Anderson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of Council, for said City of Oberlin of Lorain County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution R20-09 CMS, approved on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

Witness my hand and Official Seal at Oberlin, Ohio this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

(Seal)

  
  
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Oberlin Clerk of Council