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ORDINANCE NO.: 2024-025

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2,
Administration, Sec. 2-61, Remote Meeting*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 16th day of April, 2024, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-61, Remote Meeting is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-61. Remote meeting.

- (a) Any council member may participate and vote in a city council meeting remotely, but will not be considered present for the purposes of a quorum. City council minutes shall reflect that the council member participated in the meeting electronically. The council member acting as the presiding officer must be physically present at the meeting.
- (b) Acceptable means of remote participation include telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing, or any other technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another. Text messaging, instant messaging, email and web chat without audio are not acceptable methods of remote participation. Accommodations shall be made for any council member who requires TTY service, video relay service, or other form of adaptive telecommunications.
- (c) If technical difficulties arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, city council shall, whenever possible, suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with a remote participant's ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location. If a remote participant is disconnected from the meeting, the minutes must note that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred and reflect that the member left the meeting.
- (d) Other than establishing the remote connection to the meeting, there shall be no communications between the members of council attending the meeting remotely and other members of council, unless such communication is part of the meeting, and can be heard by the members of the public in attendance.
(Ord. No. 2016-042, 6-21-16)

Requested by:

Mayor Rickenmann

MAYOR

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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