

**CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 29
(Series of 2021)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO,
ADOPTING A REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY, WHEN A LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY IS NOT IN EFFECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Salida, Colorado (“City”) is a statutory city, duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §31-15-401, the City by and through its City Council (“Council”), possesses the authority to adopt laws and ordinances within its police power in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority, the City has been operating under an “Electronic Participation Policy” for meetings during a local disaster emergency, most recently adopted by Council through Resolution 2020-42, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Council anticipates the eventual expiration of the State of Colorado and City of Salida declaration and state of emergency, when said policy will no longer apply; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to establish new parameters regarding the manner in which official City meetings are held post-emergency; and

WHEREAS, state law permits remote participation in meetings of local public bodies, but does not prescribe procedures or parameters for such attendance; and

WHEREAS, in-person attendance at meetings is the preference and expectation of Council, whenever possible, in recognition of its efficiency and effectiveness when conducting public business, with remote participation an occasional exception and option as needed; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the City of Salida to set forth the limits and requirements of remote attendance and participation in meetings of City Council, and City Boards and Commissions, when a local disaster emergency is not in effect, through the adoption of a Remote Participation Policy, attached herein in as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Salida City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as its conclusions, facts, determinations and findings.

Section 2. The City of Salida Remote Participation Policy, attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and adopted, to be used when a local disaster emergency is not in effect.

Section 3. A Councilmember's participation in a regular or special City Council meeting pursuant to the attached policy shall constitute attendance at the meeting for purposes of Salida Municipal Code 2-2-60. A City board or commission member's participation in a board or commission meeting pursuant to the attached policy shall constitute attendance for purposes of Salida Municipal Code 2-7-50.

Section 4. When a local disaster emergency has been declared pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §24-33.5-709, the City's "Electronic Participation Policy for City Council Meetings and Meetings of City Boards and Commissions During a Local Disaster Emergency" adopted by City Council via Resolution 2020-42 shall apply.

Section 5. The Salida City Council Handbook, adopted via Resolution 2021-08, is hereby amended by the addition and inclusion of the Remote Participation Policy attached as Exhibit A.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of August, 2021.



CITY OF SALIDA

By: _____


P.T. Wood, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


City Clerk Erin Kelley