

**Mayor Kathleen M. Martin's Statement and Determination Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means**


As the Mayor of the City of Medina, Minnesota, I find as follows:

- a. On March 16, 2020, I determined that it was appropriate to allow remote public meetings in the City under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 because holding meetings in-person was not prudent or practical, and it was not feasible to have any person at the regular meeting location due to the ongoing state and local emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b. To return to in-person meetings, the Mayor must make a new determination that meetings will no longer be conducted under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021;
- c. On May 6, 2021, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 21-21: Safely Sunsetting COVID-19 Public Health Restrictions, establishing an anticipated timeline for sunsetting emergency COVID-19 restrictions. On May 14, 2021, Governor Walz issued Executive Order 21-23 immediately terminating most mask-wearing requirements, while encouraging those who have not been fully vaccinated to continue to wear masks;
- d. Under EO 21-21, almost all emergency restrictions will end by July 1 or when 70% of Minnesotans ages 16 or older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The portion of Executive Order 21-11 that strongly encourages public meetings to be held remotely is set to expire on May 28, 2021;
- e. With the state of Minnesota sunsetting its emergency regulations, the City has begun the process of returning to normalcy, but will continue to protect its residents. The City will hold public meetings remotely until June 30, 2021 to accommodate the provisions of Executive Order 20-55 encouraging "at-risk" individuals to stay home, which is set to expire or be rescinded on July 1 or when Minnesota reaches vaccination goals; and
- f. The City may continue to allow members of the public and members of the City Council and all of its boards, committees, subcommittees, and commissions to participate remotely during in-person public meetings as permitted by law, including under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.02.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. My Statement and Determination Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means dated March 16, 2020 is hereby rescinded as of June 30, 2021 at 12:00am.
2. As of June 30, 2021, all meetings of the City Council and its boards, committees, subcommittees, and commissions shall be conducted in-person, allowing for remote participation as permitted by law, including under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.02.

Dated this 3 day of June, 2021.

  
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Kathleen M. Martin  
Mayor, City of Medina