

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

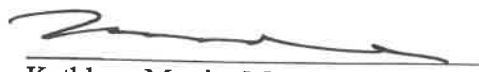
As the Mayor of the City of Medina, Minnesota I find as follows:

- a. The persistence of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota, including the increasing spread of the Delta variant, has raised serious public health concerns.
- b. The Delta variant has been found to spread more easily, including between both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- c. After months of steady decline in the number of positive cases of COVID-19, there has been an increase in the number of cases in Minnesota and Hennepin County over the past three months. The Center for Disease Control has categorized community spread in both Minnesota and Hennepin County as "high", the highest level for identifying community spread.
- d. The city council chambers at Medina's city hall does not provide space to maintain adequate distance between members of the council or commissions, staff, and members of the public, and does not allow for meetings to be conducted effectively and safely.
- e. Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 authorizes cities to meet by telephone or interactive technology if the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer determines that meeting in person is not practical or prudent because of the existence of a health pandemic and that it is unfeasible for any member of the city council, staff or the public to be present physically at meetings. I have consulted with the city administrator and city attorney in making this determination.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. Until further notice, all meetings of city bodies governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, including but not limited to city council meetings and meetings of all commissions of the City, shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means because it is not practical or prudent to hold those meetings in person. All such meetings must comply with the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021.
2. Attendance by members of the public and the presence of at least one member of the city council or commission, the city administrator or city attorney in the city council chambers for such meetings is not feasible due to the health pandemic.
3. This Statement and Determination is effective immediately.

Dated: September 21, 2021.


Kathleen Martin, Mayor
City of Medina, Minnesota