



The Town of
Williston
SOUTH CAROLINA

Special Called Meeting of Town Council
Williston Town Hall
April 2, 2020
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order/Statement of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Reading and Adoption of Emergency Ordinance 2020-1, Authorizing Electronic Meetings of Council, Quorums and Voting by Electronic Means, and Other Related Measures for Council Meetings.
4. Adjourn

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-1

Authorizing Electronic Meetings of Council, Quorums and Voting by Electronic Means, and Other Related Measures for Council Meetings

WHEREAS, S.C. Code section 5-7-250(d) authorizes Council to adopt emergency ordinances (with certain limitations not applicable to this Ordinance) for a limited period of sixty days; and

WHEREAS, the current coronavirus pandemic has created an emergency for our Town and our Nation such that the Council, in the exercise of its statutory authority, believes it to be in the public interest, and in the interest of the effective operation of the Town government, to provide the Council with the ability to meet and act expeditiously when needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Williston, in Council, duly assembled, as follows:

1. All Town Code provisions, and any Council rules or practices, that require the physical presence of Council members to constitute a meeting, or for purposes of determination of a quorum, or for purposes of voting, are suspended.
2. Council meetings by electronic means (defined as telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media, or any combination thereof), the presence of a quorum by electronic means, and voting by electronic means, are specifically authorized as the permitted alternative for physical presence of Council members for any Council meeting.
3. To the extent determined by the Town Administrator, or his designee, to be feasible and in accord with public safety and the safety of Town employees, members of the public may monitor an electronic meeting of Council (except for executive sessions) as available means are described.
4. The Mayor, the Town Administrator or his designee, or a majority of Council, may request a special meeting or emergency meeting of the Council.
5. All meetings and hearings of Town Commissions and Committees are postponed through May 31, 2020, and until further notice, and are to be rescheduled, if and as needed, to a date and time to be determined and appropriately noticed.

This Ordinance, as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective immediately upon Council approval on one reading, and shall expire automatically as of the sixty-first day following the date of enactment.

DONE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Jason W. Stapleton, Mayor

Attest:

Angie Overton, Municipal Clerk

Reading and Adoption: _____

Approved as to form: _____
Tom Boulware, City Attorney