

AVON TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-04, issuing further orders and directives related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Epidemic (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, included in the orders and directives in the Executive Order were provisions which included orders that public meetings conducted pursuant to Indiana Code §5-14-1.5 (Open Door Law) should be limited to only essential matters critical to the operations of the governmental agency or entity for the duration of this public health emergency, suspension of all specific statutory deadlines during the public health emergency which require a governing body to meet insofar as the cancellations do not disrupt essential government decisions or services or when meetings would otherwise be required by federal law, suspension of the requirement of adopting a policy for electronic participation, authorization that governing bodies may meet with as few as one member physically present with other members participating electronically, authorizing governing bodies to post notices and agendas for meetings solely by electronic means, and authorizing local government agencies to comply with the provisions of Indiana Code §5-14-1.5-3.6 as modified in conducting public meetings for the duration of the public health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Town Council adopted Resolution 2020-6, declaring a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, extending the declaration to and until September 1, 2020, waiving certain procedures and formalities regarding performance of work, entering into contracts, incurring obligations, employing workers, renting of equipment, purchasing supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, authorizing the President of the Town Council to approve claims if the Council is unable to meet on a regular basis, and authorizing certain emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, also on March 18, 2020, the Town Council adopted Resolution 2020-7 which authorized remote participation in Town Council meetings, consistent with Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-4; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-9, and this Order suspended the requirement of the Open Door Law that required one member of the Council to be physically present during a meeting and authorized the Council to conduct virtual meetings, in which no member is physically present, if a quorum of the Council participates by remote or electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council did not conduct a public meeting from March 19, 2020 to and until April 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Town Council approved resolution 2020-10 which authorized remote meetings, as authorized by the Executive Orders of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the easing of restrictions related to COVID-19, as contained in the Executive Orders of the Governor, the Town Council has resumed conducting public meetings at which members are physically present; and

WHEREAS, because of the level of positive cases of COVID-19 in Indiana, the Governor has modified his re-opening plan and slowed the pace of re-opening and entered executive orders to address the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to requiring masks and face coverings in public buildings and businesses open to the public; and


WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that because of the current levels of COVID-19 in the Town of Avon and generally in Central Indiana that the public health emergency declared on March 18, 2020, which is scheduled to expire on September 1, 2020, should be extended to and until November 1, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public health emergency, declared on March 18, 2020, is hereby extended to November 1, 2020 and that the waiving of certain procedures and formalities regarding the performance of work, entering into contracts, incurring obligations, employing workers, renting of equipment, purchasing supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, authorizing the President of the Town Council to approve claims if the Town Council is unable to meet on a regular basis, and authorizing certain emergency powers, as contained in Resolution 2020-6, are also extended to and until November 1, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk-Treasurer is directed to post this resolution on the Town Website for the public's information.

Adopted the 27th day of August, 2020.


AVON PLAN COMMISSION:



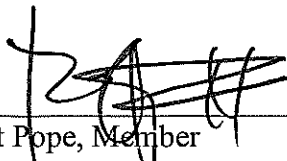
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