

RESOLUTION 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH THE RULES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE TELECONFERENCEING OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE'S PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is currently in a declared Public Health Emergency as a result of the Covid-19 Virus since the Governor issued Executive Order 20-51 on March 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is currently under a declared State of Emergency as a result of the Covid-19 Virus since the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Governor further issued Executive Order 20-69 on March 20, 2020 which suspends any Florida Statute which requires a quorum to be present in person or that requires a government body to meet at a specific public place.

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-69 allows local governmental bodies to meet via Communications Media Technology (CMT) as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2 Florida Statutes, however, it does not waive any other requirement under the Florida Constitution and "Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws" including Chapter 286 Florida Statutes.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe in an effort to protect the health and safety of members of the public, city staff and the commission itself wishes to take advantage of Executive Order 20-69 and use CMT to conduct its regular commission meetings and any other public meeting of any other board created by the City Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida as follows:

1. All public meetings of the Port St. Joe City Commission and any other public meeting of any other board created by the City Commission may not be in person at a particular meeting place, but will be held with the use of CMT as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2 Florida Statutes.
2. The meetings will be conducted via the use of the CMT platform known as ZOOM.
3. The meetings shall be conducted as follows:
  - a. The Mayor or Chairman of a particular board may be located at either City Hall located at 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida or the Ward Ridge Commission Chamber, 2775 Garrison Ave., Port St. Joe, Florida.

- b. Certain Staff may be located with the Mayor or Chairman.
- c. All commissioners or board members may call in remotely to participate in the meeting.

d. The Notice of the meeting shall provide all information that is currently required by law to be included in the Notice, but will also include a number for members of the public to call in to listen to the meeting and allow them to participate in the meeting by asking questions or making a comment. The three (3) minute comment time limit currently in place will be strictly enforced. A city staff member will be assigned to ensure that the public input number is monitored.

4. The meeting will be recorded and made available to the public on the City website as normal.

5. This Resolution shall become effective on April 7, 2020 and shall terminate upon the termination of the State of Florida's Executive Order 20-69.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of City Commissioners of Port St. Joe, Florida, this 7th day of April 2020.

The City of Port St. Joe

  
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REX BUZZETTI, Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:   
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Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk