

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-091**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 2, Council Meetings, adding Sec. 2-62 Remote meeting attendance*

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 18th day of November, 2015, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 2, Council Meetings, adding Sec. 2-62 Remote meeting attendance, shall read as follows:

**Sec. 2-62. Remote meeting**

(a) Any council member may participate in an open city council meeting remotely, but will not be considered present for the purposes of a quorum or voting. City council minutes shall reflect that the council member participated in the meeting electronically.

(b) Acceptable means of remote participation include telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing, or any other technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another. Text messaging, instant messaging, email and web chat without audio are not acceptable methods of remote participation. Accommodations shall be made for any council member who requires TTY service, video relay service, or other form of adaptive telecommunications.

(c) If technical difficulties arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, City council shall, whenever possible, suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with a remote participant's ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location. If a remote participant is disconnected from the meeting, the minutes must note that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred and reflect that the member left the meeting.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Introduced: deferred to 11/10/15; 11/2/2015

Final Reading: 11/18/2015