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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY  
TO FACILITATE THE CONTINUATION  
OF HYBRID MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Open Meetings Law, Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, was amended to allow a local public body to use videoconferencing at the discretion of the council body provided that a minimum number of members to satisfy quorum are present in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment expires July 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, except in the case where an advisory board, committee or subcommittee makes its own determination, this resolution authorizes the use of videoconferencing for the City's advisory boards, committees and subcommittees; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the local public body shall be physically present at any such meeting unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location as set forth herein due to extraordinary circumstances, including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the law provides that if the council body authorizes videoconferencing for meetings, it must establish written procedures governing both member and public attendance consistent with the statute. These written procedures must be conspicuously posted on the local public body's website; and

**WHEREAS**, written procedures on videoconferencing are posted on the City's website and is also included in the public meeting notice that is distributed electronically and posted on the first floor of City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice of a meeting to be conducted by videoconferencing will indicate the use of videoconferencing, instructions on where the public can view and/or participate in the meeting and the physical location where the public can attend in person; and

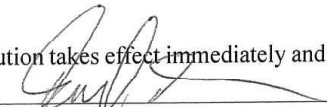
**WHEREAS**, except in the case of executive session, members of the council body ensure that they will be heard, seen, and identified while the meeting is being conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, as standard, all meetings including videoconferencing will be recorded and the recording will be posted or linked on the City's website and the meeting minutes of any meeting conducted through videoconferencing will reflect which members, if any, attended remotely; and



**WHEREAS**, if there is any state disaster emergency declared by the governor or local state of emergency proclaimed by the Mayor, the council body will waive the in-person meeting requirement; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby adopts the Proposed Action, as defined in the amended Open Meeting Laws to allow for public meetings to add a component of video conferencing to facilitate hybrid meetings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution takes effect immediately and shall expire and deemed repealed July 1, 2024.

  
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Councilperson

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
  
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Assistant Corporation Counsel

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
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President  
**ATTEST:**  
  
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City Clerk

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**APPROVED**  
Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**  
**MAY 12 2022**  
Date  
By   
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Mayor

Vote Taken As Follows: 5/11/2022  
Brown: Yea Copeland: Yea  
Gleason: Yea Poteat: Yea  
Thompson: Yea Ordinance Adopted

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