

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED POLICY FOR
REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Open Meetings Act allows elected or appointed officials to attend meetings by remote audio or video link under specified conditions (5 ILCS 120/7); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities are required to adopt a policy consistent with the Open Meetings Act for situations when the City Council wishes to allow remote attendance; and

WHEREAS, the recent COVID-19 public health emergency has highlighted the necessity for members of the City Council to be able to participate in City Council meetings, even when personally ill or under other emergency circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities on **April 15, 2024** passed Resolution _____ adopting a Remote Attendance policy; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Legislature has amended the Open Meetings Act to include “unexpected childcare obligations” as an additional basis for remote attendance a meeting governed by the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the previously adopted Remote Attendance Policy should be amended to include “unexpected childcare obligations” as a basis for for which an elected or appointed official may request and be allowed to participate remotely at a meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Corporate Authorities have reviewed the revised Remote Attendance Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and have determined that the Policy meets the requirements of the Open Meetings Act to allow for remote attendance in appropriate settings while still favoring in-person attendance at meetings, and that the same should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE. The City Council hereby finds that all the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference thereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: POLICY AMENDED; It is the policy of the City of Crest Hill to allow remote attendance at meetings under circumstances in accord with the Revised Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, which is hereby approved and adopted as the Policy of the City of Crest Hill for Remote Attendance at Meetings effective immediately.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: REPEALER. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval, as provided by law.

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PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

| | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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| Alderman Jennifer Methvin | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderman Scott Dyke | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderwoman Claudia Gazal | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderman Darrell Jefferson | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderperson Tina Oberlin | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderman Mark Cipiti | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderman Nate Albert | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alderman Joe Kubal Mayor | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Raymond R. Soliman | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

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