

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2020 - 019**



**ALLOWING FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF ALL CITY OF HARTFORD PUBLIC BODIES
AND/OR THE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THOSE PUBLIC BODIES
REMOTELY**

At a Regular meeting of the City of Hartford Commission at 19 West Main Street called to order by Mayor Richard A. Hall on December 21, 2020 at 7:30p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford holds Board of public meetings to conduct business in accordance with the PA 267 1976 Open Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, Effective October 16, 2020 Act 228 amending 1976 PA 267 Section 3a to the Open Meetings Act to permit in certain circumstances public bodies to meet electronically and to permit members of those public bodies to participate in, and vote on, business before the public body remotely.

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford, therefore, desires to comply with this statutory requirement by establishing of the procedures contained in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford hereby establish the following procedures to permit the City of Hartford Commission and all other public bodies to meet electronically and to permit members of the Commission and boards to participate in, and vote on business before the public body remotely.

1. Electronic meetings of City of Hartford public bodies, in whole or in part, and/or attendance by members of those public bodies remotely may be permitted under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. On and after January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, only for one of the following.
 1. Military Service
 2. A Medical Condition
 3. A statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster declared pursuant to law or charter by the governor or a local official or local governing body that would risk the personal health or safety or members of the public or the public body if the meeting were held in person, but only to permit the following:
 - 1a. To permit the electronic attendance of a member of the public body who resides in the affected area.
 - 2b. to permit the electronic meeting of a public body that usually holds its meetings in the affected area.
 - b. After December 31, 2021 only in the circumstances requiring accommodation of members absent due to military duty.
2. City of Hartford shall utilize electronic video and/or audio services or equipment that ensures 2-way communication so that during the electronic meeting members of the public body can hear and be heard by other members of the public body and so that participants in the electronic meeting can hear members

of the public body and can be heard by members of the public body and other participants during the public comment period. To accommodate individuals with a disability, City of Hartford may use technology to facilitate typed public comments during the meeting submitted by members of the public participating in the meeting that may be read to or shared with members of the public body and other participants.

3. Any meeting to be held electronically shall be preceded by a notice posted at least 18 hours before the meeting on the City's website that is fully accessible to the public and at City Hall. The notice shall state why the public body is meeting electronically, include telephone number, and internet address to allow the public to participate in the electronic meeting.

YEAS:

NAYS: ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE: December 21, 2020

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on December 21, 2020

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
City of Hartford
19 West Main Street, Hartford MI 49057