

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
ORDINANCE 29-24-25**

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JANUARY 6, 2025.

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2-126 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code so as to change the council rule regarding remote attendance.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “Sec 2-126 Remote Attendance At Meetings” of the Sheboygan Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

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Sec 2-126 Remote Attendance At Meetings

- (a) *Remote attendance permitted.* A member of a city governmental body, as defined in Wis. Stats. § 19.82(1), who desires to appear at a meeting by telephone, video conference, or other remote method of participation shall be entitled to participate and vote to the fullest extent possible, except as follows:
 - (1) The member shall not be entitled to participate and vote on any matter that requires the visual assessment of a witness's demeanor if the member is unable to make such a visual assessment.
 - (2) The member shall not be entitled to participate and vote on any matter that requires the visual assessment of physical evidence or exhibits that have not been previously reviewed by the member.
- (b) *Quorum.* A member who appears remotely pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall count towards a quorum during the appearance.
- (c) *Proper equipment.* Appropriate equipment shall be used so that the attending public can readily observe or hear such person's participation in the meeting.
- ~~(d) *Notice.* Whenever a city governmental body anticipates that a member will appear by telephone, video conference, or other remote method of participation, the meeting agenda shall specifically and conspicuously identify which persons or members shall be appearing by such means.~~
- ~~(e) *Exceptions.* No person shall be allowed to participate in any meeting where the meeting notice failed to state the person would appear by telephone/conference means or where such equipment is unavailable or unusable at the time of the meeting.~~

(Code 1997, § 2-138)

SECTION 2: REPEALER CLAUSE All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Additionally, any reference within the Common Council's "Generally Used Rules of Order" inconsistent with this change is hereby deleted.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication according to law, and as of April 15, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL
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Presiding Officer

Attest

Ryan Sorenson, Mayor, City of
Sheboygan

Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk, City of
Sheboygan