

ORDINANCE NO. MC-1053

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2
OF THE HOMEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW
REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7) allows members of a public body to attend and vote in public meetings in limited circumstances, provided the municipality has adopted rules for remote participation; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood desire to adopt rules for remote participation in public meetings as allowed by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE – AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE:

Chapter 2 of the Homewood Municipal Code is amended by addition of the following:

Sec. 2-61. Remote Participation in Meetings

(a) Definitions

These words, terms, and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context indicates a different meaning.

Remote attendance and participation means participation through video or audio conference, telephone, or other electronic means of contemporaneous interaction and communication.

(b) Rules and procedures for remote attendance and participation.

1. If a quorum is physically present at the regular meeting location, a majority of a public body may allow a board, committee, or commission member to attend the meeting remotely if the member is prevented from physically attending because of:

- a) Personal illness or disability; or

- b) Employment purposes or the business of the public body; or
 - c) A family or other emergency.
2. A member absent because of vacation or personal business shall not be allowed to participate remotely.
 3. A member requesting to attend a meeting remotely must notify the Village Manager, Village Clerk, or staff liaison at least 24 hours before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical.
 4. Upon receipt of the member's request for remote attendance and participation, the Village Manager, Village Clerk, or staff liaison shall notify the presiding official and arrange for the member to participate remotely.
 5. When a member of a public body seeks to participate in the meeting remotely, the presiding officer shall, immediately after convening the meeting, announce to the public which member is attending the meeting remotely and shall identify the method of attendance and the reason justifying remote attendance and participation. Unless a majority of the public body physically present for the meeting objects, the member of the public body not physically present shall be allowed to participate remotely.
 6. A member participating remotely must be heard clearly by all persons attending the meeting and must be able to clearly hear the voices of the meeting attendees.
 7. Meeting minutes must reflect whether a member is physically present or participating remotely.

SECTION TWO – EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of July, 2021.


Village President

ATTEST:


Village Clerk



Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: —

Absent: 1