

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE FINDING CONDITIONS TO CONTINUE USE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AND REVIEWING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager (acting as the Director of Emergency Services) adopted a Resolution Proclaiming Existence of Local Emergency (Local Emergency Proclamation), which Local Emergency Proclamation was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020, and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove has been utilizing teleconference meetings since March 18, 2020, after the statewide state of emergency was declared on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, use of teleconference meetings was facilitated by Executive Orders that relaxed state regulations related to holding teleconference meetings, and similar provisions were enacted by Assembly Bill 361; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) requires that the City Council make specific findings to continue the use of teleconference meetings in the format permitted under state law during a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency remains active; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer issued a public health order that requires individuals to wear a face covering indoors in the workplace and other public settings regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer issued a public health order that directs all public meetings in Sacramento County to occur virtually; and

WHEREAS, given that the health orders remain in effect, and with a continued requirement for face coverings indoors, and requirement to hold virtual public meetings, the City Council has opted to utilize teleconferencing for public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council last considered the continued use of teleconference meetings on January 12, 2022, and adopted Resolution No. 2022-003 making findings to continue the use of teleconference meetings in the format permitted under state law during a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove that:

- 1) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) the City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds: (i) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; these findings and similar previous findings from prior City Council resolutions shall apply to all City commissions and committees; and

- 2) The City Council chooses to continue to teleconference without compliance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 54953(b)(3) to facilitate continued use of teleconference meetings, and the City Council authorizes all City commissions and committees to do the same, subject to further direction from the City Council; and
- 3) The City Council will reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and use of teleconferencing in the next 30 days; and
- 4) The City Council takes no action at this time to terminate or alter the Local Emergency Declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 9th day of February 2022




BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JONATHAN P. HOBBS,
CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2022-029

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on February 9, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Singh-Allen, Suen, Hume, Spease, Nguyen*

NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSTAIN: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*



Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California