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**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**ORDINANCE 18-17**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE 2.08.120 TO ALLOW COUNCIL  
MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR TO ATTEND AN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY TELEPHONIC MEANS.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 07-46(A)(S) amended HCC 2.08.120 regarding telephonic attendance and participation in Council meetings by the Mayor and members of Council; and

WHEREAS, HCC 2.08.120(f) was added, stating that no Council member or the Mayor shall attend by telephonic means, an executive session of the City Council and a hearing on an ethics charge; and

WHEREAS, In today's business environment it is reasonable and commonplace to participate remotely in meetings via teleconference; and

WHEREAS, Today's communication technology is widely accepted as a reliable means to allow flexibility in attending meetings for participants who may be temporarily located in remote locations or away from the traditional meeting location.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Homer City Code Chapter 2.08.120 is hereby amended as follows:

2.08.120 Teleconference – Limitations.

- a. All Council members and the Mayor should make all reasonable effort to be physically present for every meeting. Teleconference procedures may not be used as a regular means of attendance at meetings.
- b. Participation by teleconference may be denied whenever the physical presence of the individual is considered essential to effective participation in the meeting or to the proper conduct of the business to be addressed at the meeting.
- c. If teleconferencing is denied the individual will be listed as absent.
- d. Each Council member and the Mayor may attend a maximum of three City Council meetings by teleconference during the 12-month period commencing November 1st each year.

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e. Each Council member and the Mayor may attend additional teleconferences as a special exception if expressly approved for good cause in each instance by a vote of the Council. Good cause may include, but is not limited to, absence required for extended medical care needed for the individual or the individual's immediate family.

~~f. No Council member or the Mayor shall attend by telephonic means:~~

~~1. An executive session of the City Council.~~

~~2. A hearing on an ethics charge under Chapter 1.18 HCC.~~

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption by the Homer City Council.

Section 3. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

CITY OF HOMER

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BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

Reviewed and Approved as to form and content:

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Katie Koester, City Manager

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Holly Wells, City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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