

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk

ORDINANCE 21-46

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
ALASKA TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FOR CITY COUNCIL AND
ADVISORY BODIES.

WHEREAS, Homer City Code (HCC) 2.08.100 defines teleconferencing as remote participation by telephone or web-based format by an official for a meeting; and

WHEREAS, While the COVID-19 emergency declaration was in place City Council and Advisory Bodies had the ability to conduct meetings by teleconference; and

WHEREAS, City Council has flexibility regarding teleconference allowances in HCC 2.08.120 (c) but requires a vote of the council for a member to attend more than three meetings by teleconference; and

WHEREAS, The emergency declaration has expired but COVID-19 is with us and case counts are increasing within the city; and

WHEREAS, During these continued uncertain times, Councilmembers and Advisory Body members who offer their time to serve the should have the ability to participate telephonically for health and safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, Council and Advisory Bodies have successfully conducted city business with teleconference meetings for the past year; and

WHEREAS, This temporary suspension will allow the Clerk's Office the opportunity to draft a code amendment to address telephonic participation limitations and provide it to Advisory Bodies for their recommendations prior to bringing it to Council for final consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Telephonic participation restrictions for Council and Advisory Bodies is temporarily suspended.

Section 2. This is an emergency ordinance of general character and will be effective for 60 days in accordance with HCC 1.08.040.

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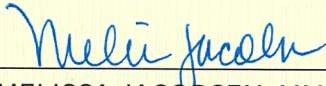
ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 26th day of July, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES: 5
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

