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MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF TUSCOLA, ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF TUSCOLA**

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Section 30.18 is hereby added to the Tuscola, Illinois Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

“Electronic Attendance at Meetings.

Section 1. Rules Statement. It is the decision of the City of Tuscola, Illinois that any member of the City Council of the City may attend any open meeting of the Council via electronic means (such as by telephone, video or Internet connection) provided that such attendance complies with these rules and any applicable laws.

Section 2. Prerequisites. A member of the Council may attend a meeting electronically if the member meets the following conditions:

(a) The member should notify the Clerk or City Administrator at least three (3) hours before the meeting, unless impractical, so that necessary communications equipment can be arranged. Inability to make the necessary technical arrangements will result in denial of a request for remote attendance.

(b) The member must assert one of the following four reasons why he or she is unable to physically attend the meeting,

(1) The member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability; or

(2) The member cannot attend because of employment purposes or the business of the City;

or

(3) The member cannot attend because of a family or other emergency; or

(4) The member cannot attend because of unexpected childcare obligations.

Section 3. Authorization to Participate.

(a) The Clerk, or City Administrator, after receiving the electronic attendance request, shall inform the Council of the request for electronic attendance.

(b) After establishing that there is a quorum physically present at a meeting where a member of the Council desires to attend electronically, the presiding officer shall state that (i) a notice was received from a member of the Council in accordance with these Rules, and (ii) the member will be deemed authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to the member's electronic attendance is made, seconded and approved by two-thirds of the members of the Council physically present at the meeting. If no such motion is made and seconded or if any such motion fails to achieve the required vote by the members of the Council physically present at the meeting, then the request by the member to attend the meeting electronically shall be deemed approved by the Council and the presiding officer shall declare the requesting member present. After such declaration by the presiding officer, the question of a member's electronic attendance may not be reconsidered.

Section 4. Adequate Equipment Required. The member participating electronically and other members of the Council must be able to communicate effectively, and members of the audience must be able to hear all communications at the meeting site. Before allowing electronic attendance at any meeting, the Council shall provide equipment adequate to accomplish this objective at the meeting site.

Section 5. Minutes. Any member attending electronically shall be considered an off-site attendee and counted as present electronically for that meeting if the member is allowed to attend. The meeting minutes shall also reflect and state specifically whether each member is physically present or present by electronic means.

Section 6. Rights of Remote Member. A member permitted to attend electronically will be able to express his or her comments during the meeting and participate in the same capacity as those members physically present, subject to all general meeting guidelines and procedures previously adopted and adhered to. The member attending electronically shall be heard, considered and counted as to any vote taken. Accordingly, the name of any member attending electronically shall be called during any vote taken, and his or her vote counted and recorded by the Clerk and placed in the minutes for the corresponding meeting. A member attending electronically may leave a meeting and return as in the case of any member, provided the member attending electronically shall announce his or her leaving and returning.

If a member cannot be physically present for a meeting, chooses to participate in a meeting remotely, and there is a quorum physically present for the meeting, but the reason for an absence from the meeting does not fall within the prerequisites of Section 2(b) above, the member may still

attend remotely, participate in discussion and get paid for attendance at the meeting, but not vote on any agenda item.

Section 7. Committees, Boards and Commissions. These rules shall apply to all committees, boards and commissions established by authority of the Council.”

Section 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

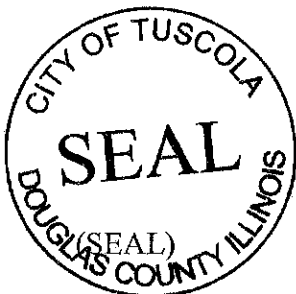
Presented, Passed and Approved at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois, this 12 day of February, 2024.

Upon Motion by DAY, seconded by WALDRUP, adopted this 12th day of February, 2024 by roll call vote as follows:

AYES (Names): Braze, Day, Morris, Shoemaker
Slaughter, Waldrop

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): Haery, Rued



Approved this 12 day of February, 2024.

Daniel Kleiss
Daniel Kleiss, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth A. Leamon
Elizabeth A. Leamon, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
) SS.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS.)

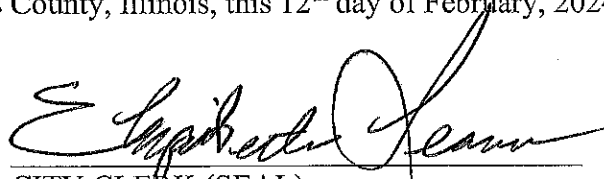
I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Tuscola, in the County and State aforesaid, and as such Clerk I am the keeper of the official journal, records, and files of the City of Tuscola of said City.

I do further certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2024-0-1 entitled:

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as adopted by the City Council of the City of Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois, at its legally convened meeting held on the 12th day of February, 2024, and signed by the Mayor on the 12th day of February, 2024, all as appears from the official records of said City, in my care and custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature and the corporate seal of said City of Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois, this 12th day of February, 2024.


CITY CLERK (SEAL)

