

VILLAGE OF MARVIN NORTH CAROLINA

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Village Council Agenda Report

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Meeting Type: Village Council Regular Meeting Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Section: Unfinished Business

Presenter: Austin W. Yow

Item Type: Policy **Action:** Give Consensus

Title: Discussion of the Expiration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency

Attachments: P-2018-08-01 Remote Participation for Meetings of the Village Council

Budgetary Impact: No Budgetary Action Required

Draft Motion: No Motion Requested.

Background:

Recently, Governor Cooper announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will expire on Monday, August 15, 2022. This means that, per state law and Village policy, remote participation will no longer be allowed for Councilmembers as is currently available.

Enclosed is the Village's adopted policy on remote participation for Village Council Meetings. In short, Councilmembers will only be allowed to participate remotely if they are out of town (at least one hour away), personally ill/disabled, or due to emergency circumstances. Those participating remotely must give the Clerk notice of their remote participation at least 8 hours prior to a meeting.

Those participating remotely do not count towards a quorum and may not participate in discussions or votes related to quasi-judicial proceedings, closed sessions, or in any other official meeting in which the subject matter to be discussed is subject to privilege or is considered confidential, such as attorney/client communications or personnel matters.

Advisory board members will also have their remote participation limited. Advisory board members participating remotely will not count towards a quorum and may not vote under any circumstance.

With the end of the State of Emergency, the public will be expected to attend in person to participate in the public comment period and in public hearings. Residents may also submit written comments for the public comment period. Even though Webex meetings are ending, the public will still be able to watch the meeting via live stream on YouTube.

Current:

Staff asks Council to be prepared for the Village's remote participation policy to go into effect.