

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-52**  
**INTRODUCED BY: GRUBE**

**4284**

**A RESOLUTION  
TO URGE GOVERNOR DEWINE AND THE OHIO  
LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR  
OPERATING PUBLIC MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the Ohio Legislature passed House Bill 197, which includes a provision to allow state boards and commissions, local and county governments, and higher education boards to operate meetings electronically during the declared emergency but not beyond December 1, 2020, so long as the public is aware and can participate electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio has experienced a large spike of positive COVID-19 cases recently; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 86% of the Ohio population (56 of 88 Counties) are currently at Level 3 - Very High Risk of Exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, with the increase of the COVID-19 cases and the deadline of December 1, 2020 quickly approaching, there is an immediate need to address the safety and security of our Ohio communities by extending this deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been announced that Senator Fedor has introduced SB 365 to extend this deadline, which is a step in the right direction to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of all Ohioans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The Council and Mayor hereby urge Governor DeWine and the Ohio Legislature to approve Senate Bill 365, or similar legislation, to extend the authority for electronic public meetings until at least thirty (30) days after the expiration of Governor DeWine's Emergency Order 2020-01D.

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SECTION 2. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 114 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Chagrin Falls.

SECTION 3. That in accordance with Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Chagrin Falls, public notice of this Resolution shall also be given by posting a copy thereof for not less than fifteen (15) days in the Village Hall.

SECTION 4. This this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective due to the fast approaching December 1, 2020 deadline for holding electronic public meetings; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: November 9, 2020



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Erinn Grube, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor for  
his approval on this

November 10, 2020

Approved by the Mayor

11/10/2020



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Mayor William Tomko

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2020-52 was duly enacted on the 9th day of November, 2020, by the Council of the Village of Chagrin Falls and posted in accordance with Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Chagrin Falls.



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David Bloom, Clerk of Council