

RESOLUTION NO. 2537

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTOLA PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA MARCH 4, 2020, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF PORTOLA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 11TH, 2023 TO FEBRUARY 10TH, 2023 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Portola is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the City of Portola's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the City's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provision for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the City's boundaries, caused by natural, technological or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California issued a proclamation of a state of emergency March 4, 2020 and the City Council of the City of Portola previously proclaimed by Official Proclamation on March 19, 2020, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the City of Portola to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the City Council must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the City of Portola, and the City Council has done so; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions persist in the City of Portola specifically, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, Plumas County, where the residents of the City of Portola reside, reports that many cases of COVID-19 and its variants continue to be contracted regularly within the county; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portola does hereby find that the Existence of a Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Portola and desires to affirm a local emergency exists and re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the City Council does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the City of Portola shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Portola has been conducting meeting via live streaming at: <https://zoom.us/j/3583067836> or by phone at: 1.669.900.6833, meeting ID 358 306 7836 so that the public may participate in the City Council meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTOLA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Affirmation that Local Emergency Persists. The City Council hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the City of Portola and proclaims that a local emergency persists throughout the City, and the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to persist within the City as well as throughout Plumas County at a rate that poses significant risk to the health of all citizens.

Section 3. Re-ratification of Governor’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The City Council hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California’s Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 19, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The City Manager and legislative bodies of the City of Portola are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) January 11th, 2023, or such time the City Council adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the City of Portola may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Portola, this 11th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Tom Cooley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jason Shaw Deputy City Clerk

I, Jason Shaw, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Portola, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the City Council at the City of Portola Regular meeting thereof held on January 11, 2023.

Jason Shaw, Deputy City Clerk