

RESOLUTION

Ending the Local Emergency Declared by the City Manager on March 12, 2020 in response to the Coronavirus 2019

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, with the consent of City Council, the City Manager declared a local state of emergency, based on the threat presented by the Coronavirus 2019 pandemic (“COVID-19”) to the public health and safety of residents of the City of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS in the judgment of City Council all necessary emergency actions have been taken; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE THAT the emergency previously declared by the City Manager on March 12, 2020 in response to COVID-19 is hereby ended, and normal governmental authority (i.e., governmental authority not reliant on any emergency powers) shall resume in accordance with the following:

1. In accordance with the provisions of subparagraph C of Virginia Code §2.2-3708.3, all of the city’s various boards and commissions (with the exception of those specifically excepted within the statute) may hold all-virtual meetings, and they are encouraged to do so. Boards and commissions which are eligible to hold all-virtual meetings may hold in-person meetings, or “hybrid” meetings, but may do so only with approval by the City Manager based on findings that:

- (i) an appropriate space is available on City premises,
- (ii) sufficient staff is available to support the meeting and to manage necessary protocols for the meeting, and
- (iii) appropriate measures can be implemented to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 within any in-person meeting(s) (such as the wearing of masks, the spacing of seats, special cleaning procedures, etc.).

2. The City Manager, in consultation with the Clerk of Council and the City Attorney, is hereby directed to prepare a standard operating procedure (“SOP”), setting forth a uniform policy for all-virtual meetings of all city boards and commissions (other than those which are legal entities separate from the City of Charlottesville), as required by subparagraph C of Virginia Code §2.2-3708.3. All such boards and commissions shall follow this SOP when conducting all-virtual meetings.

3. Upon the expiration of the current Continuity of Government Ordinance on September 8, 2022 (#O-22-029), the governmental processes, procedures and meetings referenced in said ordinance shall be of no further effect; thereafter, all such processes, procedures and meetings shall be conducted in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, local ordinances, and deadlines stated therein.