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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2020

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO

A RESOLUTION

TO CONDUCT COUNCIL MEETINGS REMOTELY WITH PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the current threat of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused the Governor of the State of Ohio to declare a state of emergency, order non-essential businesses to close, closed schools and issue a stay-at-home order until at least May 1, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health to severely restrict gathering to not more than ten people and the Cuyahoga County Executive to declare a state of emergency in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmissible from person to person and has spread globally to over 177 countries and territories, infected more than 1,289,380 and killed more than 70,590 individuals as of April 6, 2020, according to the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned states of emergency compel the cancellation of public events, and gatherings, including public meetings, and social distancing; and

WHEREAS, due to the current threat of the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to comply with the states of emergency, and Substitute HB 197, this Council will meet remotely with sufficient provisions for public participation (such as video or telephone communications) until December 1, 2020 or the expiration of the declarations of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Brook Park, shall conduct public meetings remotely with sufficient provisions for public participation (such as video or telephone communications) until December 1, 2020 or the expiration of the declarations of emergency.

SECTION 2: Council may be forced to cancel Council meetings

while the states of emergency are in place, and will give notice to the public and to the media if such action becomes necessary.

SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason that the City of Brook Park must comply with the Ohio Department of Health by meeting remotely with sufficient provisions for public participation (video or telephone) and may cancel Council meetings due to the present emergencies; if provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: CERTIFICA Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Counce Park, Ohio, do hereby certify the true and accurate copy of Counce No. passed on the day of counce Clerk of Coulc	il, of the City of Brook nat the foregoing is a prdinance/Hesolution	I, Michelle I Ohio, do he in the muni resolutions places in sal location Cut	DATE DETE DETE
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