

## **RESOLUTION 2024-03**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMFIELD, PERRY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING REMOTE PARTICIPATION TO COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is authorized under Section 1001(c) of the Borough Code, codified at 8 Pa.C.S. § 1001(c), to adopt a resolution permitting Council members to participate in Council meetings via telecommunication devices, under certain circumstances.

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council desires to adopt a policy consistent with Section 1001(c) of the Borough Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Bloomfield, Perry County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby resolved by and with the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference thereto.

SECTION 2: Borough Council members are permitted to participate in Borough Council meetings via telecommunication devices, such as telephones, computer terminals, or other communications devices ("Telecommunications"), which permit, at a minimum, audio communications between locations, subject to the following:

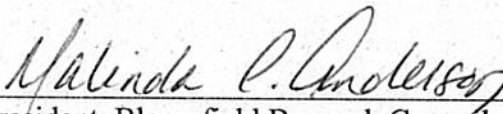
(A) A majority of the membership of Borough Council then in office must be physically present at the advertised meeting place and a quorum of members physically present must be established at the convening or reconvening of the meeting. Borough Council members participating via telecommunication devices shall not be counted towards establishing a quorum. If, after the convening or reconvening of a meeting, a member has been disqualified from voting as a matter of law, but is still physically present, Council members participating by telecommunication device in accordance with this Resolution shall be counted to maintain a quorum.

(B) The telecommunication participation of a Borough Council member must occur in a manner that:

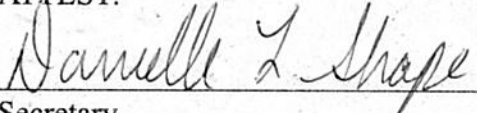
(1) Allows the Borough Council member to speak to and hear the comments and votes, if any, of the members of Borough Council who are physically present as well as other members of Borough Council who may not be physically present and who are also using a telecommunication device to participate in the meeting; and

- (2) Allows the Borough Council member to speak to and hear the comments of the public who are physically present at the meeting.
- (C) Participation by telecommunication is permissible in the event a member of Borough Council is not able to be physically present due to:
- (1) Illness or disability;
  - (2) Care for the ill or newborn in the member's immediate family;
  - (3) Emergency; or
  - (4) Family or business travel.
- (D) If a member of Borough Council desires to participate in a Borough Council meeting via telecommunication, the Borough Council members shall notify the Council President, or his/her designee, by 12:00 noon on the day of the Borough Council meeting, of such desire, as well as providing in writing, as soon as reasonably possible, the reason why the Borough Council member was not able to be physically present at the meeting.
- (E) The Borough Secretary shall note in the minutes of a meeting of Borough Council when a member participates via telecommunication. The Borough Secretary shall also append to the minutes the member's written statement as to why the member was unable to attend the hearing.

**BE IT RESOLVED** this 2nd day of July, 2024.

  
President, Bloomfield Borough Council

ATTEST:

  
Secretary