
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2022-044**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE
AND APPROVE A REMOTE CALL-IN POLICY FOR CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**FRED BILOTTO, Mayor
RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, City Clerk
JAIRO FRAUSTO, City Treasurer**

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GABRIEL McGEE
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JOSH ROLL**

Alderman

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WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the “*City*”) is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island desires to implement a remote call-in policy for City Council meetings, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (the “*Policy*”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City deem it advisable and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City to implement the Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. The Policy, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, is hereby approved in substantially the same form presented to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City with such necessary non-material changes as may be authorized by the Mayor and City Attorney.

Section 3. The officials and officers of the City are hereby authorized to undertake

actions on the part of the City as contained in the Policy to complete satisfaction of the provisions, terms or conditions stated therein.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

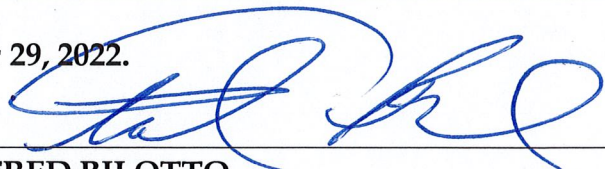
Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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ADOPTED this **29th** day of **September, 2022**, pursuant to roll call as follows:


	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON			X		
Alderman FAHRENWALD			X		
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL			X		
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on **September 29, 2022**.



FRED BILOTTO
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
29th day of **SEPTEMBER, 2022**.



RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) ss.

CERTIFICATION

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the RESOLUTIONS and BOOKS of the records of said City.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A REMOTE CALL-IN POLICY FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-044 which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **29th day of September, 2022**; that at said meeting **4** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Resolution did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Resolution was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **4** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **3** Alderman Absent.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the original Resolution which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **29th** day of **September, 2022**.

CORPORATE SEAL



City Clerk

Exhibit A

Remote Call-In Policy
(see attached)

CITY OF BLUE ISLAND REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Section 1. **Policy Statement.** It is the policy of the City of Blue Island (the “City”) that the Mayor or any Alderman of the City of Blue Island may attend any open or closed meeting of the City from a remote location via telephone, video or internet connection, provided that such attendance and participation is in compliance with this policy, the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., as may be supplemented and amended from time to time, and any other applicable laws.

Section 2. **Definition of Meeting.** As used in this policy, the word “meeting” shall mean any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone call, electronic means, or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business, or such other definition as shall be contained within state statutes.

Section 3. **Prerequisites.** The Mayor and/or the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island shall be provided the opportunity to attend an open or closed meeting or only one of such meetings from a remote location if the member meets the following conditions and a majority of a quorum of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island vote to approve the remote attendance:

- (i) The member must notify the City Administrator before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical;
- (ii) The member must meet one of three reasons described herein regarding why he or she is unable to physically attend the meeting, including either:
 - (a) that the member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability;
 - (b) the member cannot attend because of employment purposes or the business of the City of Blue Island; or
 - (c) the member cannot attend because of a family or other emergency.
- (iii) A quorum of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island must be physically present at the location of the public meeting.

Section 4. **Voting Procedures.** After roll call, a vote by the Mayor and/or Aldermen of the City of Blue Island shall be taken, considering the prerequisites set forth in Section 3, on whether to allow an off-site member to participate remotely. A vote may be taken to permit remote participation for a stated series of meetings if the same reason applies in each case. Otherwise, a vote must be taken to allow each remote participation.

Section 5. **Quorum and Vote Required.** A quorum must be established by members physically present at the location of any meeting before it can be considered whether to allow a member to participate in the meeting remotely. A vote of a majority of a quorum shall be necessary to decide the issue. For the meeting to continue there shall always need to be a quorum physically

present.

Section 6. Minutes. The member participating remotely shall be considered an off-site participant and counted as present by means of video or audio conference, for that meeting if the member is allowed to participate. The meeting minutes shall also reflect and state specifically whether each member is physically present, present by video, or present by audio means.

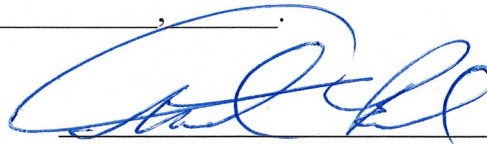
Section 7. Rights of Remote Member. The member permitted to participate remotely will be able to express his or her comments during the meeting and participate in the same capacity as those members physically present, subject to all general meeting guidelines and procedures previously adopted and adhered to. The remote member shall be heard, considered, and counted as to any vote taken. Accordingly, the name of any remote member shall be called during any vote taken, and his or her vote counted and recorded by the Village Clerk and placed in the minutes for the corresponding meeting. A member participating remotely may leave a meeting and return as in the case of any member, provided the member attending electronically shall announce his or her leaving and returning.

Section 8. Closed Meetings. A quorum of members must be physically present at any closed meeting. Members participating remotely shall otherwise be entitled to participate in closed meetings by video or audio conference. A separate vote shall be taken to permit a member to participate remotely in any closed session.

Section 9. Disaster Declaration. Remote attendance of members shall also be allowed in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7(e)). Meetings held subject to that Section must allow remote attendance by all members, though members shall also be allowed to participate in-person, unless the Mayor determines that all members must attend the meeting remotely. All other requirements of that Section shall be followed.

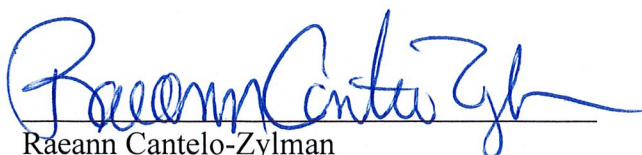
When a meeting is conducted under this Section 8, the prerequisites of Section 3 shall not apply. Similarly, Sections 4, 5, and 7 shall not apply, except that closed meetings may also be held pursuant to Section 8.

This policy is effective as of _____.



Fred Bilotto
City Mayor

ATTEST:



Raeann Cantelo-Zylman
City Clerk