

# KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Subject:</b>  A Resolution Temporarily Permitting Remote Attendance and Participation in Meetings			
<b>Original</b>	<b>Corrected</b>	<b>2nd Correction</b>	<b>Resubmitted</b>
<b>Date Submitted:</b>		<b>Date Resubmitted:</b>	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Legislative Committee			
<b>Fiscal Note Attached</b>		<b>Legal Note Attached</b>	
<b>Prepared By:</b> Corporation Counsel Joseph M. Cardamone III		<b>Signature:</b>	

**WHEREAS**, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020 and again on April 9, 2020 County Executive Jim Kreuser declared a State of Emergency for Kenosha County; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenosha County (the “County”) has been working before and since that time to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County including following guidelines from the CDC and other public health professionals related to social distancing and best practices for safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board (the “Board”) is likewise determined to demonstrate leadership by promoting and modeling best behaviors to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Supervisors, staff, and all Kenosha County citizens by following those same guidelines and best practices;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that any existing County Board rule that requires personal attendance at a meeting in order to fully participate or would otherwise be contrary to the current directions related to “social distancing” is hereby temporarily adjusted so that the County Board Supervisors are authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that those public hearings as required by statute can proceed but that for these and any other citizen comments citizens are advised to make efforts to provide any desired comments in writing prior to any scheduled meeting rather than attending in person and that directions as to how to submit those comments shall be included on meeting notices and agendas; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that meetings of the Board, its committees, and affiliated boards, committees, and commissions be permitted to take place remotely, with the public being afforded access and notice as required by statute and as practicable as long as other applicable requirements such as quorum are observed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Board Committee Chairs are authorized to advise whether committee meetings shall be held fully remotely, or by permitting individual committee members to attend remotely; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Corporation Counsel is authorized to opine and advise as to what steps need to be taken to ensure compliance with those rules and statutes that cannot be suspended; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this adjustment shall remain in place until lifted by the County Board Chair or July 8, 2020, whichever comes first; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the situation warrant an extension of these steps beyond July 8, 2020, that the County Board is authorized to consider such an extension at or before the July 7 meeting without further action or consideration by committee.

Respectfully submitted at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Joseph M. Cardamone III

Corporation Counsel

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**      Aye      Nay      Abstain      Excused

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