

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MEETING ATTENDANCE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village began holding meetings via teleconference in May 2020 and has continued to offer a call-in option to members of the public, even as governmental bodies have resumed meeting in-person; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to facilitate participation in meetings by the members in the fullest possible manner consistent with full and transparent openness to members of the public and consistent with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised (12th Edition) was published in September of 2020 and it provides that electronic meetings shall be expressly authorized in the bylaws for the body; for a governmental body, this means the code of ordinances should authorize electronic meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Board of the Village of Union Grove, Racine County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

1. Section 2-76 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Union Grove be, and hereby is, created to read as follows:

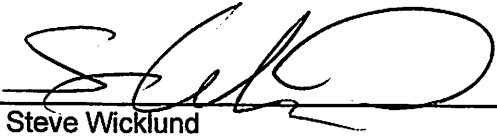
"Sec. 2-76. Meeting attendance by electronic means.

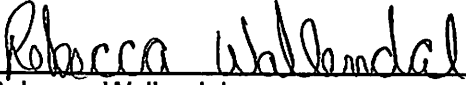
Unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal law, any member of the Village Board or any Village committee, board, commission or authority, may attend any meeting of such body by telephone, videoconference or other electronic means. A member so participating shall count toward the quorum of the body. No action taken by the body shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented effective participation by that member in the meeting. Appropriate equipment shall be used by the body so that the attending public of the meeting can contemporaneously hear such person's participation in the meeting. Each member participating remotely is responsible for ensuring the quality of his/her connection such that the other members of the body and those in attendance can adequately monitor the participation of the remote member as to the matters taken up at the meeting. No person shall be allowed to participate remotely in any meeting where there is an inadequate connection or the equipment used by the body is unavailable or unusable at the time of the meeting."

2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of Union Grove, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 10 day of May, 2021.

VILLAGE OF UNION GROVE

By: 
Steve Wicklund
Village President

Attest: 
Rebecca Wallendal
Village Clerk