

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20

REQUIREMENTS FOR TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES, OR OTHER POLICYMAKING BODIES OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD.

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sec. 10-15-1(C) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act permits a member of a public body to participate in a public meeting by telephone; and

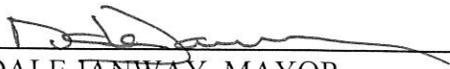
WHEREAS, in order to promote the purposes of the Open Meeting Act, a member should attend meetings in person and telephonic appearances are appropriate in only limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carlsbad wishes to adopt a policy regarding when telephonic appearances are appropriate and how they shall occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Carlsbad that:

1. In all cases where it is possible, members of the Governing Body of the City of Carlsbad, or any of its boards, commissions, committees, agencies, authorities, or other policymaking bodies of the City should attend meetings in person. Participation by telephone or other similar methods should occur only when circumstances beyond the member's control would make attendance in person extremely burdensome. Telephonic appearance is not appropriate where personal attendance would be merely inconvenient or because it would be more efficient or economical for the public body.
2. A member of the Governing Body of the City of Carlsbad, or any of its boards, commissions, committees, agencies, authorities, or other policymaking bodies of the City may participate in a meeting of that public body by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time, and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2013.


DALE JANWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK