

TOWN OF LAFAYETTE

**ESTABLISH AUTHORIZATION OF MEETING ATTENDANCE
BY ELECTRONIC/TELECOMMUNICATION MEANS**

ORDINANCE 2 - 09

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, Walworth County, Wisconsin finds it in the public interest to facilitate attendance by members of the Town governmental bodies to promote full debate by a diversity of viewpoints on matters that come before such bodies; and

WHEREAS, private and professional obligations of the members of such bodies may present them from being physically present during meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Town 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, Walworth County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

- 1) Unless otherwise prohibited by State or Federal law, any member of the Town Board of Supervisors may attend any meeting of such body by electronic/telecommunication means. A member so participating shall count toward the quorum of the body. Appropriate equipment shall be used so that the attending public of the meeting can readily hear such person who is participating remotely in the meeting. No person shall be allowed to participate in any meeting where such equipment is unavailable or unusable at the time of the meeting.
- 2) The Clerk shall initiate contact in time for the meeting to be called to order. If contact is not made before the meeting is called to order, the remote individual(s) will not be able to attend the meeting. Minutes of such meeting shall duly note specific individual(s) attending the meeting via electronic/telecommunication means.
- 3) Board members attending via electronic/telecommunication means shall:
 - (a) attend the entire meeting and may not attend for certain selected items of interest and then disconnect,
 - (b) may participate in debate the same as any other Board member and vote at appropriate time via roll call. To avoid confusion, the Board Chair or designated chair may ask the remote member, for his or her comments on a particular issue for the record.

This ordinance shall be effective upon posting as provided by law.

This Ordinance adopted by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on this 15th day of January 2020.

Joseph J Pappa, Chair

Attest: Barbara A Fischer, Town Clerk-Treasurer
January 15, 2020