

2.20.125. - Special provisions for city council meetings during a declared state of emergency.

- A. In case of an emergency requiring immediate action of the city council to protect public health, safety or welfare, the council may convene an emergency meeting without any advance public notice or with such limited advance public notice as the mayor or other presiding officer finds feasible in the circumstances. At such emergency meeting, the council may take any action within its authority that is necessary for the immediate protection of public health, safety or welfare; provided however, that any action taken at the emergency meeting shall be effective only until the next meeting that complies with the advance notice requirements of the Colorado Open Meetings Law. At that next meeting, the council may ratify any action taken at the emergency meeting, notwithstanding any limitation on final or official action in the council's Rules of Procedure. The agenda and posted public notice for that next meeting shall include the question of ratifying such emergency action. If the council fails to ratify any such emergency action taken, that action shall be deemed rescinded.
- B. During a state of disaster or emergency, declared under this chapter, the city council may meet by telephone, electronically, or by other means of communication. The city manager shall take reasonable and practical measures to ensure that:
 - 1. Each such meeting is open to the public at all times;
 - 2. Councilmembers and others may participate in each such meeting from multiple separate locations, including, but not limited to, the Longmont Civic Center, at Third Avenue and Kimbark Street in Longmont or any other location the city manager may designate as a temporary city hall, under section 10.08.180 of this Code; and
 - 3. Each such meeting provides citizens and employees a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
 - 4. A reliable and public record is made and kept of each councilmember's vote cast at any at any such meeting.

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