

**CITY OF MISSION WOODS, KANSAS
ORDINANCE NO. 236**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MISSION WOODS,
KANSAS AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 101 OF THE MUNICIPAL
CODE OF MISSION WOODS, KANSAS TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE MEETINGS
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND TO ALLOW FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION OF
THE COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MISSION WOODS, KANSAS, as follows:

Article 1, Chapter 1, Section 101 of the Code of the City of Mission Woods is hereby amended to add the following new section to read as follows:

1-101. MEETINGS

The mayor and council members shall have regular sessions on the First Tuesday of each and every month at seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. and adjourned sessions at any other time they may deem proper. In case the first Tuesday of each month falls on a holiday, the regular session shall be held on the next day thereafter which is not a holiday. Special sessions shall be called by the mayor upon the written request of not less than three (3) members of the council, specifying the object and purpose of such meeting, which request shall be read at the meeting and entered at length on the journal. All sessions shall be held at the Westwood City Hall, 4700 Rainbow, Westwood, Kansas, unless circumstances make that place impracticable for a particular session, in which case it may be held at any convenient place within the city. In all cases, it shall require a majority of the council members-elect to constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day. In the event of an emergency which jeopardizes the safety of meeting participants or the general public, and/or ability to conduct the meetings as previously set forth, alternative arrangements may be made. To do so, the Mayor and Council President must both agree as to a date, time and procedure to conduct the meeting.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

- (a) In the event that emergency circumstances create impossibility for the members of the governing body to physically attend, the body as a whole may meet, and if necessary vote, by video or telephonic conference. Examples of such emergency circumstances include but are not limited to war, riot, terrorism, a pandemic, widespread fire or natural disaster such as earthquake, tornado, hurricane, flood or blizzard. To the extent possible in such circumstances, the governing body shall use reasonable efforts to cause a virtual or physical location to be provided for public attendance and participation.
- (b) Remote participation is intended for use in case of emergencies explained in subsection (a) and when individual members of the governing body are ill, injured, suffering from

disability, performing military service, undergoing personal emergencies, or are unable to attend due to geographic (outside Kansas City Metro area) distance.

- (c) To be eligible for remote participation when no emergency exists, a member of the governing body shall notify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee no later than noon Central Standard Time the day the meeting is to be held when meetings are held in City Hall.
- (d) It is incumbent upon the member utilizing remote participation that he or she can participate fully and does not unduly burden the physically present members of the governing body due to technological issues or telecommunication problems.
- (e) The Mayor, City Clerk or other members of the governing body shall make reasonable efforts to provide any remote participating member of the governing body with any documents that are needed for full-participation in the meeting.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval by the Mayor and publication once in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the Governing Body and APPROVED by the Mayor this ___ day of _____, 2020.

Darrell Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Gregory, City Clerk