

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE April 21, 2020NUMBER 180-2020(WO)

TITLE:
RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP POLICY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS DURING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 107 AND THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Executive Order 103 and subsequently issued Executive Order 107 banning all public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order allowed municipalities to conduct public meetings electronically with the proviso that such meetings must comply with the public notice and public requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township seeks to establish a policy under which it will conduct its Conference and Regular meetings in compliance with the OPMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Orange Township be and hereby adopts the following policy to conduct public meetings of its Conference and Regular meetings:

1. It shall be the policy of the City Council of the City of Orange Township that the public may comment at the Council meetings by emailing any questions or comments to citycouncil@orangenj.gov. All questions or comments must be submitted by email no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting for posting on the website and available to the public. For the citizen comment portion of the meeting, the public will be allowed to question or comment on any new matter raised during the meeting. New matter is any discussion had by a council member or a City administrative staff person during the course of the meeting regarding any agenda item. All questions or comments relating to any new matter should be emailed to Council President at teason@orangenj.gov with your name and address. *The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission.* Notice of this policy containing the above language shall be placed on the City of Orange Township's website and the City Council's website within forty-eight (48) hours of the meeting, or whenever the meeting is noticed, whichever date is earlier.
2. It shall be the policy of the City Council of the City of Orange Township that the front page of the Municipal Council Agenda for City Council Conference Meeting shall contain the following language – *"SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to citycouncil@orangenj.gov, no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."*
3. It shall be the policy of the City Council of the City of Orange Township that the section titled "CITIZENS COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS" of the Municipal Council Agenda for City Council Regular Meeting shall

have the following language – “*SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to citycouncil@orangenj.gov. no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. For the citizen comment portion of the meeting, the public will be allowed to question or comment on any new matter raised during the meeting. New matter is any discussion had by a council member or a City administrative staff person regarding any agenda item during the course of the meeting. Please email any question or comment relating to any new matter to Council President at teason@orangenj.gov with your name and address. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen’s submission.*”

4. Council meetings shall be conducted using the GoToMeeting platform. The manner to view the meetings shall be as follows:

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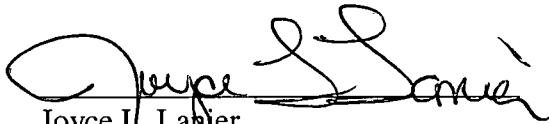
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Adopted: 04/21/2020


Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk


Tency A. Eason
Council President

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OFF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING– APRIL 21, 2020

MOTION TO WALK-ON: Johnson, Jr.

SECOND: WOOTEN

YEAS: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Council President Eason

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: None

MOTION TO ADOPT: Summers-Johnson

SECOND: Johnson, Jr.

YEAS: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Council President Eason

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: None