
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH YORK, YORK
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING RULES AND
REGULATIONS OF REGARDING CONDUCT OF PUBLIC
MEETINGS VIA TELE-MEETING
NO. 2022-07**

WHEREAS, the purpose of this document is to set forth further rules and regulations regarding the conduct of public meetings via tele-meeting including guidelines for public comment, conduct, and protocol.

1. SCOPE OF PUBLIC COMMENT: The scope of public comment, as defined in the Sunshine

Act, shall be limited to matters of concern, official action or deliberations which are or may come before the Council. These matters are defined by the Borough Code which sets forth the powers and responsibilities and delineates the corporate and specific powers of the Council. Public comment is not intended for the purpose of solely reciting or reading legislation, ordinances, or other such documents.

2. PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TELE-MEETING:

a. The Council shall provide a reasonable opportunity for residents and/or taxpayers of the North York Borough at the beginning of each regular or special meeting to comment on all matters listed for official action and to comment on any other matters or concern or deliberation which are or may come before the Council. The Council may request that to the extent practical public comment be submitted in writing in advance. The President of the Council may appoint a moderator for the tele-meeting. The moderator shall recognize public participants for public comment prior to the public participant offering public comment. The moderator is authorized to mute the public participant when the public participant is not offering recognized public comment. The moderator is authorized to promulgate further procedures for the orderly receipt of public comment via tele-meeting. The time limits applicable at regular public meeting of the Council shall be applicable to public comment via tele-meeting.

b. All public comment shall be directed to the presiding officer, who will provide response, or recognize persons to offer a response, as appropriate, although no response is mandated.

c. The public and members of the Council are at all times to demonstrate mutual respect and decorum. The members of Council are not to engage members of the public in argument, nor are members of the public to speak out audibly or through text or chat or engage one another in argument.

d. Comments, displays, or text which make statements of personal attacks or statements that could be construed as libelous, slanderous, or that defame the character of any elected or appointed official or any member of the public, shall not be permitted.

e. Comments, displays, or text of a partisan political nature either in favor or in opposition to any political candidate shall not be permitted.

f. Comments, displays, or text of a patently offensive or sexually explicit nature shall not be permitted.

g. Robert's Rules shall be used as a guide for public tele-meeting meetings. However, any actions by the Council which may not be in strict accordance with Robert's Rules or within the Rules and Regulations shall not be deemed invalid or illegal unless and except any federal, state, or local law or ordinance is violated.

h. Any violation of the above may result in the participant being muted, the video feed being disabled, or the participant being removed from the tele-meeting.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE: These Rules and Regulations shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH 2022.

ATTEST



SECRETARY

NORTH YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATE

2022-07

I, the undersigned officer of the Borough of North York, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by majority vote of the entire Council at a meeting duly convened according to law and held on March 8, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present; said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of said Council; and said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Borough of North York met the advance notice requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. Cons. Stat. §701 et seq., by advertising the time and place of said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Borough or at the public building in which said meeting was held.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Borough of North York this 8th day of March 2022.


Secretary

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