

TOWN OF INDIALANTIC, FLORIDA

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-09 REGARDING COVID 19

ORDER ESTABLISHING RULES FOR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING HEALTH EMERGENCY

Section 1. Authority. This order is issued in accordance with Section 2. of the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-69, which has been extended until August 1, 2020 by Executive Order No.2020-150, and Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Purpose and Extent. The purpose of this order is to provide that a quorum of the Town Council Members is not required to be present physically but may be established virtual by use of communications media technology. This order applies to the Town Council and to Town Committees and Boards.

Section 3. Findings. On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, "Emergency Management - COVID-19 Local Government Public Meetings," suspending the requirement that a quorum be present in person or that a meeting be conducted at a specific place and establishing authorization to utilize communications media technology as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes. On June 23, 2020, the Governor extended Executive Order 20-69, until August 1, 2020, by virtue of Executive Order No. 2020-150. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-69, certain rules must be established for holding a meeting virtually using communications media technology.

Section 4. Rules of Procedure for Public Meetings Utilizing Communications Media Technology.

(A) As used in this Order, "communications media technology" means the electronic transmission of printed matter, telephone, audio, computer, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available.

(B) The Town shall provide public notice of any Town Council or Town committee or board meetings to be held virtually by communications media technology consistent with applicable Florida law. The notice shall include instructions to access the public meeting via Communications Media Technology and shall name locations, if any, where Communications Media Technology shall be available for use by the public. Notice shall be conspicuously be posted on the Town's internet website, posted on the main entrances to Town Hall, and provided to the news media.

(C) The public meeting shall provide the opportunity for public comment, and all comments, evidence, testimony, or written submissions shall be afforded equal consideration. The notice of the public meeting shall include instructions regarding how members of the public may submit written documents, written comments, written questions before the meeting or verbal comments or questions to be presented during the public meeting. The notice of the public

meeting shall include instructions regarding how members of the public may contact the Town if they are having difficulty connecting to the virtually held public meeting.

Section 5. Expiration. This Emergency Executive Order shall be effective until the Florida Governor's Executive Order No. 20-69, as extended from time to time, expires.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Order shall be effective this 2 day of July, 2020, and may be further supplemented from time to time.



ATTEST:

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Rebekah Raddon, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Casey", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Casey, Town Manager