

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-22-20 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña, by request

1 RESOLUTION

2 STAYING THE ENFORCEMENT OF § 2-6-1-4 (B)(1) & (5) AND CREATING A
3 WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF REMOTE MEETINGS OF
4 PUBLIC BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES.

5 WHEREAS, in 2020 during the public health crisis, an emergency
6 declaration allowed public boards, commissions and committees to hold
7 meetings remotely; and

8 WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article 6, Part 1 of the City Code requires
9 meetings of any public board, commission or committee to be held in public
10 and in a city facility, and that a quorum of a public body be physically present;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in the absence of an emergency declaration, public boards,
13 commissions and committees have expressed an interest in the continued
14 flexibility remote meetings have provided; and

15 WHEREAS, the City recognizes there are benefits to both remote and in
16 person meetings of public boards, commissions and committees; and

17 WHEREAS, the City would benefit from a study related to the use of
18 ongoing remote meeting for public boards, commissions and committees.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
20 ALBUQUERQUE:

21 Section 1. Enforcement of § 2-6-1-4 (B)(1) & (5), that meetings be "...held
22 in a city-owned facility" and that a "...quorum of the public board, commission
23 or committee is physically present at the meeting.", are stayed until the
24 conclusion of the study by the Boards and Commissions working group.

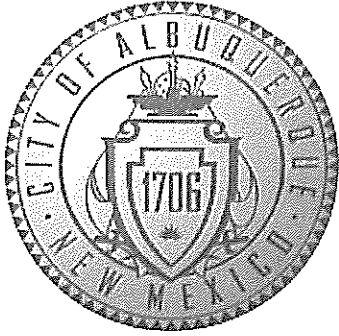
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1 Section 2. That a Boards and Commissions working group shall be
2 formed to study the effects of remote meetings of public boards, commissions
3 and committees. Such working group shall prepare a study to be submitted to
4 City Council and the Administration by November 1, 2022. Such study shall
5 issue recommendations regarding the ongoing use of remote meeting by
6 public boards, commissions and committees. The working group shall issue a
7 recommendation regarding the requirement in § 2-6-1-4 (B)(1) & (5) that
8 meetings be held in person in a city facility.

9 Section 3. The working group shall be staffed by the Deputy Director of
10 Public Affairs and shall consist of members of boards, commissions and
11 committees as well as members of the public. The working group shall have
12 no more than 9 total members.

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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM (DATE)

TO: Isaac Benton, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 


SUBJECT: Resolution to stay enforcement of public boards requirement to meet in person, create working group to study remote meetings

This resolution would stay the enforcement of public boards, commissions, and committee's requirement to hold meeting in public in City facilities until November 1, 2022. The Resolution would require a working group to study the effects of remote meetings on public boards, commissions and committees and submit a report to Council and the Administration by November 1, 2022.

Resolution to stay enforcement of public boards requirement to meet in person,
create working group to study remote meetings


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Chief Administrative Officer


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Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

A Resolution that would stay the enforcement of the requirement that public boards, commissions and committees meet in public facilities and allow continued use of remote meeting technology. This resolution would create a working group to study remote meetings and submit a report on remote meetings to the Council and the Administration by November 1, 2022.

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This legislation would stay the enforcement of the requirement that public boards, commissions and committees meet in public facilities and would create a working group to study remote meetings and submit a report on remote meetings to the Council and the Administration by November 1, 2022.

3. Why is this project needed?

Boards, commissions, and committees have been meeting remotely, or in a hybrid fashion since the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020. This has been possible through ongoing emergency declarations. Some boards, commissions and committees have expressed interest in being able to continue this practice after the public health crisis. This resolution would study the effects of remote meetings and offer a recommendation to Council and the Administration regarding whether to continue this practice after the public health crisis.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

N/A

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?

N/A

6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

All quorums of Boards, commissions, and committees will be required to meet in public facilities, and have no remote meeting

option other than for a limited number of members following the final emergency declaration.

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

No