

**TOWN OF VIENNA, VA
RESOLUTION/CERTIFICATION – CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT MODIFIED
MEETING PROCEDURE**

CERTIFICATION

**September 21, 2020
Work Session**

RE: CERTIFY AND FIND FOR THE AUGUST 31, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION THAT THE USUAL COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED SAFELY OR PRACTICALLY; AND (A) ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE ATTACK, EMERGENCY, CRISIS OR DISASTER, AND THE FAILURE TO ACT ON THESE AGENDA ITEMS COULD RESULT IN IRREVOCABLE PUBLIC HARM; AND/OR ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THE CONTINUITY OF TOWN GOVERNMENT

ACTION:

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the President has declared a National Emergency, the Governor has declared a State Emergency, and the Fairfax County Executive has declared a Local Emergency, which was subsequently confirmed and amended by the Town Council to find the effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster by its Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Governor, and other federal and State authorities advised that people should avoid gatherings of ten or more, and should practice social distancing and implement other health and safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 emergency/disaster, including requiring individuals to remain at home and prohibiting gatherings of more than ten individuals subject to certain exceptions, closing schools, and closing or limiting certain businesses, to try to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COUNCIL's priority is protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency/disaster, the Town Council adopted an ordinance providing for the continuity of Town government, including, but not limited to, establishing alternative Town Council meeting procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED that the Town Council for the Town of Vienna does hereby approve and find for the September 21, 2020, Town

Council meeting that the usual Council meeting procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically; and (a) all agenda items are necessary to address the attack, emergency, crisis, or disaster, and the failure to act on these agenda items could result in irrevocable public harm; and/or (b) all agenda items are necessary and essential to assure the continuity of Town government and operations.

Physically present:

Electronic Participation:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Town Attorney

CERTIFIED BY: _____

Mayor/Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Town Council

ATTACHMENT: Work Session Agenda