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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/31/2020	1	Town Council Meeting	approved	Pass

**Subject:**  
Emergency Town Council meeting to adopt Continuity of Government Ordinance

**EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY :**

In consideration of the declared national emergency by the President of the United States, the declaration of emergency by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam as well as the Fairfax County declaration and letter opinion of the Attorney General related to emergency authority of localities, the Town Attorney recommends immediate adoption of the proposed Continuity of Government Ordinance and also advertisement of the ordinance for re-adoption at Town Council’s next regularly scheduled meeting. The proposed ordinance, authorized by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413, will permit the Town to modify meeting and public participation methods to comply with the governor’s executive order and recommendations on limiting public gatherings and practicing social distancing. The Town will develop meeting procedures related to electronic participation by public bodies, public participation (i.e., submission of public comment through written and electronic methods), and logistical meeting planning to ensure safe social distancing.

**Strategic Plan Initiative:**

**Departmental Recommendation :**

**Finance Recommendation :**

**Purchasing Recommendation :**

**Town Attorney Recommendation :** The Town Attorney recommends immediate adoption of the proposed Continuity of Government Ordinance and direction to the Town Clerk to advertise an intent

to re-adopt the ordinance at the next Town Council meeting.

**Town Manager's Recommendation** : I recommend the Town Council adopt the proposed Continuity of Government Ordinance as drafted by the Town Attorney.

Cost and Financing: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Decision Needed by This date: 03/31/20

**PROPOSED/SUGGESTED MOTION**

"I move to adopt the proposed Continuity of Government Ordinance as drafted by the Town Attorney.

I further move to direct the Town Clerk to advertise an Intent to Re-Adopt the Continuity of Government Ordinance at the April 13, 2020 Town Council meeting."

Or

Other action deemed necessary by Council.