



**RESOLUTION 5:18 - #14 OF 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby set the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Poughkeepsie, One Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, New York, as and for the time, date and place of a public hearing to adopt by Local Law, Town Code Chapter 2-A, entitled “A Local Law Authorizing Certain Uses of Videoconferencing Technology”, and to separately consider and adopt by resolution a Videoconferencing and Public Participation Policy and Procedures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed Local Law is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, and the Town Board does hereby waive a verbatim reading of said proposed law and does direct that it be spread across the record as if it, in fact, had been read verbatim, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after reviewing the proposed Local Law, this Board determines that the adoption of it is a Type II Action under SEQRA requiring no environmental review because it is part of the ongoing administration and management of the Town and will not effect a major reordering of priorities which might result in a significant adverse environmental impact, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Local Law, if adopted, shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, with the policy to be simultaneously effective.

Dated: May 18, 2022  
Moved: Jon Jay Baisley  
Seconded: Jeffrey Renihan

Motion passes/ fails: Ayes 6 Nays 0

JEN/mem  
t-5/12/2022  
m-5/18/2022

*#Vla Zoom*

|                                 |                       | AYE                                 | NAY   | ABSTAIN |
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| <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u>           | Councilman Renihan    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____   |
| <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u>           | Councilman Carlos     | <u>stepped out</u>                  | _____ | _____   |
| <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u>           | Councilwoman Burger   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____   |
| <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u>           | Councilman Cifone     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____   |
| <i>AD</i> <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u> | Councilman Krakower   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____   |
| <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u>           | Councilwoman Shershin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____   |
| <u>PRESENT/ABSENT</u>           | Supervisor Baisley    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | _____   |

**Local Law No \_\_\_\_\_ of the year 2022**  
**Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess**  
**Town Code Chapter 2-A**  
**A Local Law Authorizing Certain Uses of Videoconferencing Technology**

**Section 2 A-1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to give the Town of Poughkeepsie’s Public Bodies, as the term is defined in Public Officers Law §103-a, and their members the authority to participate in meetings, excluding committee and subcommittee meetings, via videoconference in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law §103-a and the Town’s Videoconferencing and Public Participation Policy (the “Policy”) as adopted and amended. It is also intended to allow members of the public to attend and participate in the public portions of Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and hearings by videoconferencing conducted consistent with §103-a and the Policy.

**Section 2 A-2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law giving the Town’s Public Bodies the authority in exceptional circumstances to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the board/body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

**Section 2 A-3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings**

The Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie hereby authorizes all members of the Town’s Public Bodies, excluding their committees and subcommittees, to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law §103-a and the Town’s Videoconferencing and Public Participation Policy as adopted by the Town Board.

**Section 2 A-4. Public Attendance and Participation at Public Meetings**

The Town Board further authorizes the public to attend public meetings of the Town Board, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, but not their committees or subcommittees and subject to board policies, to participate remotely in public meetings and public hearings conducted by those boards, provided it is done in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law §103-a and the Town's Videoconferencing and Public Participation Policy as adopted.

**Section 2 A-5. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 2 A-6. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.