



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 20-1744, **Agenda Item #:** 87.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance temporarily waiving Section 2-1-6(E) of City Code regarding meetings of boards and commissions and declaring an emergency.

### **Lead Department**

Office of the City Clerk.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

City Code Section 2-1-6(E) provides that all members of a board or a commission necessary to provide a quorum must be physically present at a meeting to conduct business. In keeping with the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster and the Governor's suspension of certain open-meeting statutes, and in order to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Austin residents and board and commission members, this ordinance will waive the requirements of City Code Section 2-1-6(E) to allow boards and commission members to meet via telephonic or videoconference until such time Council terminates the Declaration of Local Disaster.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.