

ORDINANCE NO. 00-24  
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AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO meetings; to allow videoconferencing for meetings of bodies formed under the Joint Public Agency Act; to harmonize with state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections; to provide an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 1-515 of the Municipal Code of Friend, Nebraska, is amended to read as follows:

**MEETINGS; VIDEOCONFERENCING; WHEN ALLOWED.**

(A) A meeting of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act or of the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act may be held by means of videoconferencing if:

- (1) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given;
- (2) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including seating, recordation by audio or visual recording devices, and a reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided if videoconferencing were not used;
- (3) At least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the videoconference;
- (4) At least one member of the governing body or advisory committee is present at each site of the videoconference; and
- (5) No more than one-half of the governing body's or advisory committee's meetings in a calendar year are held by videoconference.

(B) Videoconferencing shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in this Neb. RS 84-1408 to 84-1414.  
(Neb. RS 84-1411)

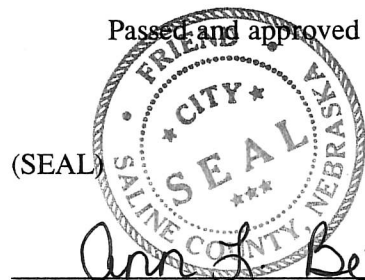
(C) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**VIDEOCONFERENCING.** Conducting a meeting involving participants at two or more locations through the use of audio-video equipment which allows participants at each location to hear and see each meeting participant at each other location, including public input. Interaction between meeting participants shall be possible at all meeting locations.  
(Neb. RS 84-1409)

Section 2. Any other ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.



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Mayor

Ann J. Betka  
Clerk