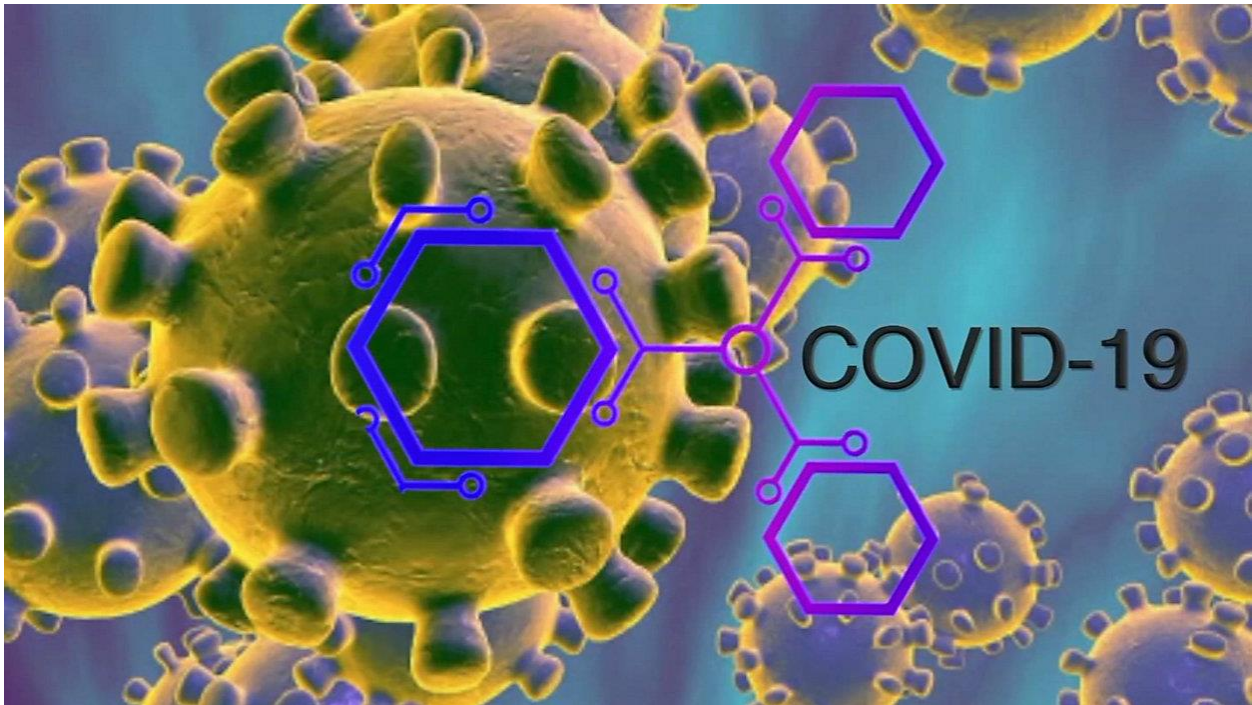




**CITY MANAGER
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-32
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF
ATTENDANCE AT CITY MEETINGS**



December 14, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Gleason'.

Tim Gleason, City Manager

§ 32.1 INTRODUCTION

On December 11, 2020, Governor Pritzker re-issued an Executive Order that prohibits indoor gatherings of more than one household. In addition, indoor venues and meeting spaces such as meeting rooms, banquet centers, private party rooms, private clubs, country clubs, and party buses are prohibited from hosting gatherings of any size. The Governor's most recent disaster proclamation also limits public meetings to no more than 10 people. Due to the restrictions enacted by the Governor, the limited space for hosting members of the public while simultaneously hosting an electronic meetings, the need for staff to be at City Hall, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, this Executive Order is to temporarily suspend the physical public attendance at City meetings. In lieu thereof, the public shall be able to continue to provide public comments both via email and electronically at City Council meetings which shall be contemporaneously live-streamed on YouTube.

§ 32.2 AUTHORITY

On March 26, 2020, the City Council approved an Ordinance Declaring a Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus & Enacting Various Emergency Measures. Section 2(L) of that Ordinance provides the City Manager shall implement procedures encouraging the electronic submission of written comments for public comment beyond those currently in place within the City Code. The Open Meetings Act, Section 7(e), also now provides a process for holding meetings without a quorum physically present. Due to the ongoing public health crisis, the Mayor issued an Electronic Meeting Determination designating that in-person meetings are not practical or prudent due to the emergency.

§ 32.3 SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE / PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Members of the public shall be prohibited from in-person attendance at City meetings during the pendency of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-74, prohibiting indoor gatherings of more than one household, or until this City Manager Executive Order is revoked or amended further by the City Manager.
- B. The provisions in City Manager Executive Order 2020-23 allowing in-person public comment shall be modified to prohibit in-person public comment while this Executive Order is in full force and effect.



HEALTH OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Practice social distancing;
2. Washing your hands often;
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and/or mouth with unwashed hands;
4. Avoid contact with sick people;
5. Stay home if you are sick;
6. Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing; and
7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 and related health information, please visit the following websites:

www.cdc.gov

dph.illinois.gov

health.mcleancountyil.gov