

**CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL
DETERMINATION REGARDING CONDUCTING
MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY**

As the Chief Legal Counsel of the City of Golden Valley, Minnesota (the "City"), I find as follows:


- A. On January 11, 2022, I, as Chief Legal Counsel for the City of Golden Valley, determined that it was appropriate to allow remote public meetings of the Golden Valley City Council ("City Council"), Housing and Redevelopment Authority ("HRA"), the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, Open Space and Recreation Commission, PEACE Commission, Environmental Commission, Human Services Commission, and any other commission, task force, committee, or subgroup appointed by the City Council or any of the aforementioned bodies (collectively, "City Commissions").
- B. To return to in-person meetings, the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer must make a new determination that meetings will no longer be conducted under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021.
- C. As of March 15, 2022, data from the Hennepin County Public Health, Minnesota Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") shows that the level of community transmission in Golden Valley and the surrounding area is low.
- D. Consistent with current CDC recommendations for areas with low transmission, the City has begun returning to pre-pandemic operations.
- E. The City will continue to monitor the pandemic and adjust its policies and procedures as recommended by public health experts.
- F. I have consulted with the City Manager, City Council, and City Commission staff liaisons and have determined that, in order to ensure a quorum of each body is present at upcoming meetings, it is necessary to provide reasonable notice to Commissioners prior to rescinding the Determination Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Interactive Technology.
- G. The City may continue to allow members of the public and members of the City Council, HRA, and City Commissions to participate remotely during in-person public meetings as permitted by law, including under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.02.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. The City of Golden Valley Chief Legal Counsel Determination Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Interactive Technology dated January 11, 2022 is hereby rescinded as of March 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
2. As of April 1, 2022, all meetings of the City Council, HRA, and City Commissions shall be conducted in-person, allowing for remote participation as permitted by law, including under Minn. Stat. § 13D.02.

Dated: March 15, 2022


Theresa Schyma, City Clerk


Maria Cisneros, City Attorney
HRA Attorney