

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Amend Council Organization and Procedure Code to clarify attendance by electronic communication and meeting location (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 3.02.010 and 3.02.060.C.2 and add Section 3.02.026)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

City Code 3.02.025 permits Council members to attend and be present at public meetings by telephone or other electronic communication when an emergency exists. During the pandemic, under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council has been convening Council meetings electronically whereby all members of council attend remotely by Zoom. The proposed ordinance would allow Council members to attend and be present at public meetings by telephone or other electronic communication regardless of whether an emergency exists.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The proposed ordinance does not have any financial or budgetary impacts.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of Council meetings. During the pandemic, Council meetings are available to the public on the City's YouTube Channel, eGov PDX, [www.portlandoregon.gov/video](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/video) and Channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to Council by emailing the Council Clerk at [cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov). Thirty days after the Governor's emergency expires, Council will provide a location where the public may listen to Council meetings, even if all members of Council attend electronically. It is anticipated that this location may be provided in the Portland Building or some other location until City Hall is fully reopened. This is in addition to providing an option for the public to attend and participate in Council meetings by electronic means.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

The proposed ordinance should have no impact on the City's total energy use.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Center</b>	<b>Commitment Item</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>	<b>Funded Program</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Sponsored Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>