

# COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

ORDINANCE No. 2020-14

By Leon Dozier Sponsored By Mr. Jim Maxwell, Ward 3

## AN ORDINANCE

### DECLARING THE METHOD(S) BY WHICH MEMBERS OF THE 2020-2022 CITY COUNCIL CONSENT TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Special Meetings of City Council are held periodically throughout each Council term; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Berea mandates that there "shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours notice in writing of such special meeting, served personally on each Member of Council, as otherwise set forth by ordinance, or left at his usual place of residence"; and

WHEREAS, while notice of special meetings delivered in person to each Council Member or his place of residence is reliable, there exist equally reliable, and more expedient, methods by which Council Members could be notified of Special Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the 2020-2022 City Council consent that the best methods for receiving notice of special meetings are through one or more of the following: email, text or written notice served personally on each Member of Council or left at his usual place of residence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the 2020-2022 Members of Berea City Council consent to receive notice of special meetings through one or more of the following methods: email, text, or written notice served personally on each Member of Council or left at his usual place of residence.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, and for the further reason that with the fluidity of the situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, Special Meetings may become more necessary, and as social-distancing is being recommended, it is in the best interests of both the Council and the Clerk of Council to be able to communicate the occurrence of such meetings through electronic means as soon as possible. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 23, 2020

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Clerk of Council

[Signature]  
President of Council  
APPROVED: March 24, 2020  
[Signature]  
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]  
Director of Law