

TOWN OF HURT

Town Council Policy on Remote Participation in Council Meeting

As authorized by Section 2.2-3708.2, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Council shall allow the participation of Council Members in a meeting through electronic communication means from a remote location that is not open to the public subject to complying with all parts of the following written policy:

1. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Mayor that the member is unable to attend the meeting due a personal matter, and the member shall identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter, or the member shall notify the Mayor that the member is unable to attend a meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance. The Council shall record the specific nature of the personal matter or fact of temporary or permanent disability, and the remote location from which the absent member participation in its minutes.
2. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because such participation would violate the strict and uniform application of this written policy, such disapproval shall be recorded in the Council's minutes.
3. Such participation by the absent member shall be limited in each calendar year to two (2) meetings.
4. A quorum of the Council shall be physically assembled at the Town Hall or other meeting location.
5. The Council shall make arrangements for the voice of the absent member to be heard by all persons in attendance at the meeting location.