

1 Sec 2-80 Attendance

2 (a) At the time set for a meeting of the city council, if
3 there is less than a quorum present, one (1) or more of the
4 aldermen present may compel the attendance of the absentees by
5 issuing an order in writing to the police chief, or any official
6 or member of the police department, to bring to such meeting any
7 and all absent members found in the city who are not unable,
8 through sickness, to attend.

9 (b) If a quorum of the city council or any of its committees
10 is physically present at the location of a duly-noticed meeting
11 as required by the Open Meeting Act, a majority of the city council
12 or the committee, as the case may be, may permit a physically
13 absent member to participate in the meeting by video or audio
14 conference, provided that the member is prevented from physically
15 attending the meeting because of a an—extended (1) personal
16 illness or disability, including, but not limited to, situations
17 where the member has contracted or may have been exposed to a
18 contagious disease and is required or expected to avoid contact
19 with others during the time of the meeting, or (2) a family or
20 other emergency reasonably expected to extend beyond eight (8)
21 fourteen—(14) consecutive days that requires the member's ongoing
22 and personal participation. If a member wishes to attend a meeting
23 by other means, the member must notify the city clerk or the
24 committee secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours before the

1 meeting unless advance notice is impractical. A physically absent
2 member may not preside over a meeting via video or audio conference,
3 however, he or she may participate in the meeting to the same
4 extent as physically present members. A physically absent member's
5 participation by video or audio conference shall be reflected in
6 the minutes of the meeting. The ability of a member to attend a
7 meeting other than by their personal physical presence under this
8 section shall be narrowly construed as a limited exception to the
9 public policy of this state that members of public bodies shall
10 conduct their business in the physical presence of the public.

11 (c) To the extent permitted by law, the city council or any
12 of its committees may conduct meetings without the physical
13 presence of a quorum, provided that such meetings comply with the
14 requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Meetings conducted under
15 this paragraph shall offer members of the public an opportunity
16 to offer public comment in substantial accord with the rules
17 adopted by the city council or committees.

18 (Code 1969, § 2-69; Ord. No. 019-032, Exh. A, 5-28-19)