



Proclamation of Emergency Rule No. 5

Emergency Rule No. 5 – Format for Public Meetings

1 WHEREAS COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), is a respiratory disease that
2 can result in serious illness or death, and is caused by a virus easily spread from
3 person to person; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager and the Mayor of
5 Tacoma, pursuant to Chapter 1.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and
6 Chapter 38.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”), proclaimed that an
7 emergency exists caused by COVID-19 (“Proclamation”) in the City of Tacoma;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Proclamation, the Mayor is authorized to issue
10 rules reasonably related to the protection of life, and such rules must be confirmed
11 at the earliest practicable time by the City Council; and

12 WHEREAS Emergency Rule No. 4, effective August 19, 2021, and
13 confirmed by the City Council on August 24, 2021, requires that all public meetings
14 of the City of Tacoma be held in remote/virtual format only, and directs the
15 Government Performance and Finance Committee (“GPFC”) to develop proposed
16 guidelines to potentially allow certain public meetings to be done in hybrid format
17 (in-person and a remote option) with the guidelines to be presented to the City
18 Council by the end of September; and

19 WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, and October 5, 2021, the GPFC
20 approved proposed guidelines as directed by Emergency Rule No. 4; and

21 WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, the GPFC submitted a revised
22 recommendation that the City Council (except standing Council Committees) and
23 the Public Utility Board have the option to hold hybrid format (in-person and a
24 remote option) meetings beginning on February 23, 2022; Now, Therefore,

25 **BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

26 Effective February 23, 2022, Emergency Rule No. 4, relating to Public
Meetings to be in Virtual Format, is terminated.

 Effective February 23, 2022, the City Council (except standing Council
Committees) and the Public Utility Board will have the option of holding their public
meetings in a hybrid format that includes an in-person component and a remote
option. These public meetings include regular and special meetings of the City
Council and Public Utility Board, in addition to retreats and any other public
meeting of the entire Council or Board. Public meetings with an in-person
component that are held by the City Council or Public Utility Board will be held in
compliance with applicable state guidelines.



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Effective February 23, 2022, all other public meetings of the City of Tacoma shall be held in remote/virtual format only.

This emergency rule shall remain in effect until the Proclamation of Emergency has been terminated or the rule has been amended, based on the guidelines to be developed by the Government Performance and Finance Committee.

Dated February 22, 2022

M Woodards
Mayor

Attest:

Doris Soum
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

William Fosh
City Attorney