



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS ON CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS AND INDOOR CITY EVENTS DUE TO COVID-19

EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 7, 2022

1. Meetings of the City's Public Bodies, Boards and Commissions that are Governed by the State Open Meeting Law, other than the City Council and Council Committees:

- a. All meetings of the City's public bodies, boards and commissions that are governed by the state Open Meeting Law shall be conducted as remote meetings that are not conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public or to applicants. As such, the meetings shall be remotely accessible to the public and applicants, and shall allow for participation by the public and applicants remotely through alternative means, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, an "Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures" (the "Act").
- b. All members of the public body, board or commission, along with any essential staff, may participate remotely, as authorized by the Act. All members who are participating remotely should inform the chair in advance of the meeting if possible.
- c. All meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law and the Act.
- d. These meetings require prior written approval from the Assistant City Manager for Finance David Kale for the schedule of the use of City facilities and rooms and for the technology to be used in any such meeting.

2. City Council Meetings and Council Committee Meetings

- a. City Council meetings and Council Committee meetings are not subject to these temporary restrictions.

3. Other City Public Meetings:

- a. All other public meetings of City committees, advisory groups, community meetings and the like shall be conducted as remote meetings, rather than in-person meetings. City staff shall utilize remote meeting technology, pursuant to the City's Policy on Remote Meeting Technology, dated July 21, 2021, as may be amended.

- b. This includes meetings between City staff and outside agencies, applicants, businesses, individuals, and the like that can be conducted remotely, but does not apply to residents or others who are seeking services from the City in City buildings.

4. Internal City Meetings

- a. All internal City meetings that can be conducted remotely shall be conducted as remote meetings, rather than in-person meetings. City staff shall utilize remote meeting technology, pursuant to the City's Policy on Remote Meeting Technology, dated July 21, 2021, as may be amended. A department head may grant exceptions to this requirement for internal City meetings involving their department staff.

5. Indoor City Events:

- a. No City-sponsored community events or City-sponsored public gatherings shall take place indoors. Such events may continue when conducted outdoors if participants are masked and are able to physically distance.
- b. This does not apply to City-sponsored youth activities or youth sports, or other City-sponsored athletic programs, which may continue to take place indoors. All permitted activities shall comply with all federal, state or City public health orders, including but not limited to the City's Amended Temporary Emergency Order Requiring the Wearing of Masks in Indoor Public Places, dated September 15, 2021, as may be amended.

6. Exceptions:

- a. These temporary restrictions do not apply to the Cambridge School Department or School Committee.
- b. Any request for an exception from these temporary restrictions shall be directed to the City Manager in writing and shall require written approval.

- 7. **These temporary restrictions shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022, and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on February 27, 2022, unless otherwise amended, extended or rescinded.**

Dated: 1/5, 2022

By: Louis A. DePasquale
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City Manager