

ORDINANCE NO. 106-2021 (AS)

By Council Member Seren

An Ordinance repealing Section 107.02(a) of Chapter 107, “Public Meetings,” of Part One, Administrative Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights; adopting a replacement Section 107.02(a) of Chapter 107, “Public Meetings”; amending Section 107.02(b); and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the current requirement and method of noticing public meetings is antiquated and does not reflect the current technological trends; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that proposed amendments to Chapter 107 are in the best interest of the City, its residents, and the general goal of civic transparency.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. An amended Section 107.02(a) of Chapter 107, “Public Meetings,” of Part One, Administrative Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and hereby is adopted to read as follows:

(a) Regular Meetings. The time and place of all regular meetings of Council, Council committees, commissions, boards, citizen advisory committees of Council, and other similar public bodies of the City shall be noted in a calendar of monthly meetings. The calendar shall be posted on the Internet via the City’s website and at City Hall, either electronically or in paper form. Amendments to the monthly calendar shall be posted, either electronically or in paper form, at the City Hall not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to any meeting added to the calendar, except in the case of emergency meetings.

SECTION 2. Current Section 107.02(a) of Chapter 107, “Public Meetings,” of Part One, Administrative Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, as it existed prior to the effective date of the ordinance, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 107.02(b) of Chapter 107, “Public Meetings,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

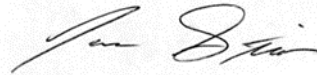
(b) Special Meetings. Notice of the time, place and purpose of special meetings of Council, Council committees, commissions, boards, citizen advisory committees of Council, and other similar public bodies of the City shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to be held. Such notice shall be posted ~~at the locations listed in subsection (a)(1) in accordance with subsection (a)~~ hereof. In addition, notification of any special meetings of public bodies of the City shall be given to any news media requesting such notification twenty-four (24) hours prior

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to the time of the meeting. This notification shall include the time, place and purpose of the special meeting.

SECTION 4. Notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need for notice requirements of public meetings to better reflect current technological trends to ensure notice is disseminated in a manner that most easily reaches the masses. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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JASON S. STEIN  
President of Council



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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: August 2, 2021