

RESOLUTION NO. 329-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR COUNCILMEMBERS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington recognizes the importance of full participation by council members and the benefit of broad input and citizen representation by council members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WASHINGTON:

SECTION 1. Teleconference participation by Council members at a regular or special council meeting may be allowed under the following circumstances, subject to reasonable technical availability at the meeting location:

(1) Requests to use **Teleconference participation for voting purposes** shall be limited to extraordinary circumstances and must be ruled upon by the Council by specific motion before the Council main agenda begins. In such case, a microphone pickup must allow the teleconference participant to engage in Council discussion and be heard. Telephone charges are to be at the Councilmember's own expense, unless waived in the Council motion. Adequate notice must be given to allow hookup in time for the main agenda

(2) Requests to participate by **Teleconference in a nonvoting capacity** shall be granted provided technical capability exists and adequate notice is given, and shall be at the Councilmember's own expense, unless waived in the Council motion.

(3) No teleconference participation for voting purposes shall be allowed for public hearings or any quasi-judicial proceedings.

Examples of extraordinary circumstances would be: emergencies, illness, accident, unforeseen urgent business, Prior employment obligations, etc.

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WASHINGTON, THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012

TOWN COUNCIL:

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APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

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Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk/Treasurer