

RESOLUTION 2020-288

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION SHALL MEET ON JANUARY 8, 2021, AND CONDUCT ITS ESSENTIAL BUSINESS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS RATHER THAN BEING REQUIRED TO GATHER A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE SAME LOCATION BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF TENNESSEANS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory disease that appears to occur through respiratory transmission, presents with similar symptoms to those of influenza, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted by Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107, the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, issued Executive Order No. 14, declaring a state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a national state of emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Mayor Ken Moore issued Executive Order No. 2020-01 Declaring a State of Emergency and Civil Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Lee issued Executive Order No. 16, and later issued Executive Order No. 34, Executive Order No. 51, Executive Order No. 60, Executive Order No. 65, and Executive Order No. 71 allowing electronic meetings while continuing to function openly and transparently; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Moore issued Executive Orders No. 2020-03, No. 2020-05, No. 2020-07, No. 2020-09, No. 2020-11, No. 2020-12, No. 2020-13, No. 2020-14, No. 2020-15, No. 2020-16, and No. 2020-17 continuing the Declaration of a State of Emergency and Civil Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission believes it is in the best interest of the City of Franklin to conduct the January 8, 2021, 8:00 a.m. meeting by electronic means.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

The meeting scheduled for January 8, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. shall be conducted by electronic means rather than requiring a quorum of the members of the Sustainability Commission to attend in person to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Physical access in the meeting room will be limited. The public can participate in the meeting by dialing-in and can view the meeting later as a recording on FranklinTV, the City of Franklin website, the City of Franklin's Facebook page, and the City of Franklin's YouTube account. Specific dial-in and website links can be found on the City's website at:

<https://www.franklintn.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/10719/1092>

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this 8th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION:**

By: _____
Andrew Orr
Staff Liaison

By: _____
Dana Kose
Chair

Approved as to Form By:
Shauna R. Billingsley, City Attorney