

RESOLUTION 03-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE TO PERMIT THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN BY TELEPHONIC SPEAKER DEVICE

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Nolensville authorizes the Board of Mayor and Alderman to set rules and procedures for the conduct of its business affairs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman desires to set forth a procedure whereby the Mayor and Alderman could participate in Board meetings with the aid of telephonic speaker devices in certain special circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Board of Alderman hereby approve and consent to the limited participation of the Mayor and Alderman in monthly Board meetings by a telephonic speaker device such as a speaker telephone but only in the event of a disability or an incapacity or a terminal illness of the Mayor or of any Alderman, which disability, incapacity or illness would prevent him-r her from attending a monthly board meeting.

Section 2. The participation of the Mayor or Alderman by telephonic device must be approved in advance by the Mayor or the Town Recorder and the phone call to the debilitated or incapacitated or ill Mayor or Alderman must be initiated by the Town Recorder to the home telephone number of such Mayor or Alderman. An announcement must be made prior to the commencement of the Board meeting that an absent Mayor or Alderman will participate by telephonic speaker device. At such meeting all votes must be voice votes. In the event a majority of the Mayor and Aldermen vote at such meeting to conduct any vote by written ballot, the absent Mayor or Aldermen will not be permitted to participate in such vote and he/she shall be considered to have abstained from such vote.

Section 3. In the event the phone connection is poor or the voice of the absent Mayor or Alderman cannot be understood by the Town Recorder, the phone call will be terminated by the Town Recorder and the absent Mayor or Alderman will be considered to be absent for that meeting.

Section 4. In no event shall participation by telephonic speaker device be used to accommodate a Mayor or Alderman who cannot attend a monthly Board meeting due to a short term illness or business or vacation reasons.

Section 5. The use of such a telephonic procedure shall only be used to allow the Mayor or Alderman to participate in and effectively conduct monthly meetings of the Board of Mayor and Alderman and shall not apply to meetings of other committees or commissions of the Town of Nolensville.

Section 6. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the general welfare of the Town of Nolensville, Williamson County, Tennessee requiring it.

Charles F. Knapper, Mayor

Cindy Lancaster, Town Recorder

Passed: _____