

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING A
PUBLIC MEETING ACTION PLAN**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 infections have been confirmed in Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Doug Ducey declared that a State of Emergency exists in Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Arizona;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take actions to ensure that the spread of COVID-19 is slowed throughout the United States, Arizona, and Paradise Valley, and that the illness is prevented from spreading as much as practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has increasingly recommended smaller group gatherings and has most recently urged a nationwide halt to gatherings of more than 50 people for the next eight weeks, citing the risk of the spread of COVID-19, and as of March 16, 2020, the President of the United States of America has urged groups of no more than 10 in close proximity; and

WHEREAS, given the current need to curtail exposure to COVID-19 to the extent possible the Town should provide for the provisions of electronically accessible public meetings of the public bodies of the Town so that measures can be put in place to provide for the public and the members of the Town's public bodies to attend public meetings by

remote access, electronic access, or other means that will still include public participation and engagement while limiting potential COVID-19 exposure to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk should prepare means and methods of ensuring that remote public participation by members of the public and members of the public bodies can be enacted and publicized so that the public is aware of the alternate means of remote or electronic participation available for public meetings until such time that public health officials advise that the need to avoid public gatherings is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager should implement means of having essential personnel and others as needed working at Town Hall and other Town facilities within healthy guidelines as recommended by CDC, Congress, the State of Arizona and/or other governmental bodies with expertise in and knowledge of the COVID-19 outbreak, and encourage employees to work remotely whenever possible and provide special leave provisions for certain staff members during this current COVID-19 situation; and

WHEREAS, given the public health concerns noted above this resolution should take effect immediately upon its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Until otherwise advised by the CDC and other public health agencies, the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk should prepare means and methods, to the extent practicable, of ensuring that remote public participation by members of the public and members of the Town's public bodies can be enacted and publicized so that the public is made aware of the alternate means of remote or electronic participation available for public meetings.

2. Until otherwise advised by the CDC and other public health agencies, any and all public meetings that can be arranged to be held remotely, including having a quorum

of the public body attend remotely, may, at the direction of the Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence the Vice-Mayor, be postponed or continued, as deemed necessary in order to reduce opportunities for spread of COVID-19 or for other public health reasons.

3. Due to the public health emergency that has been declared by the State of Arizona and pursuant to Town Code Section 3-7-3 which relates to the Town's and Mayor's emergency powers, the Town and persons within the Town should continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and other public health agencies regarding limiting public gatherings and other health guidance that may emerge until such time as is deemed unnecessary in relation to COVID-19. This may include the temporary closing or limitation of use of Town or other facilities as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Mayor upon consultation with relevant authorities and to the full extent allowed by the authority vested in Town Code 3-7-3(2).

4. Consistent with the recommendations from the CDC and/or the United States Congress and/or the State of Arizona or other relevant governmental bodies, the Town Manager is authorized to implement remote working provisions for employees of the Town whose in-person workplace attendance is not essential to the ongoing conduct of essential Town services and the Personnel Handbook is hereby amended to provide for managerial authority to add limited Public Emergency Health Leave for those situations where the Town Manager deems such leave necessary based on CDC or Congressional input.

5. An emergency is hereby declared to exist such that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the TOWN OF

PARADISE VALLEY, Arizona, this 17th day of March, 2020.



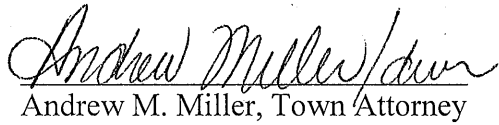
Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew M. Miller, Town Attorney