

1 (7) The remaining councilors in order of seniority;

2 B. City management. The line of succession to manage a disaster or emergency is as
3 follows:

4 (1) The city manager;

5 (2) The deputy city manager;

6 (3) The police chief;

7 (4) The fire chief;

8 (5) The public works director;

9 (6) The public utilities director; and then

10 (7) The finance director.

11 (8) The person authorized to manage a disaster or emergency is the person
12 listed first in the line of succession that is available to do so.

13 C. Meetings for governing body. In the event an emergency prevents the governing
14 body from having a quorum established by members participating either in person or otherwise as
15 permitted in this subsection, and after a good faith effort to make it possible for governing body
16 members to participate in a meeting called during a declared emergency, the governing body's
17 quorum requirements are suspended.

18 D. City manager authority. During a state of emergency declared due to the spread of
19 a contagious disease declared to be a public health emergency by the New Mexico department of
20 health or recognized by the world health organization as a pandemic, the city manager has the
21 authority to take the following actions:

22 1. Exclude or limit the public from in-person attendance at meetings,
23 provided that the public may witness the meeting, either by telephone, the internet, or on
24 television, and provided that the meeting provides adequate means for public participation
25 to satisfy constitutional due process.

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2. Cancel any governing body, city council standing committee, or standing committee meeting prior to commencement of such meeting to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare. Agenda items that are adjudicatory or quasi-judicial in nature shall be rescheduled to a time when the relevant city body and the interested parties will have adequate opportunity to participate in the consideration of the item.

3. Approve contracts with a total value up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), excluding gross receipts taxes. The city manager shall provide monthly reports to the governing body of all contracts approved administratively pursuant to this paragraph.

Section 2. A New Section, 1-9 SFCC 1987, is hereby ordained to read:

Remote Attendance at Meetings. If it is difficult or impossible for a governing body member or committee member to attend a meeting that is governed by the Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 to -4 NMSA 1978, in person, remote participation in meetings is permissible by conference telephone, an online meeting platform, or other similar communications equipment or technology, as permitted pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, as amended.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2022.



ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

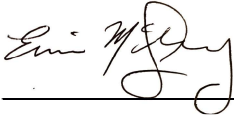
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25 *Legislation/2022/Ordinances/2022-9 Remote Meeting Attendance*