

**Mayor and EDA President Todd Borell's Statement and Determination
Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means**

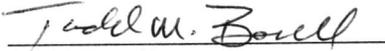
As the Mayor of the City of Maple Lake and President of the Maple Lake Economic Development Authority, I find as follows:

- a. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and how it spreads.
- b. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
- c. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor's Executive Order triggered activation of the City's emergency management plan and enabled the City to exercise its emergency powers.
- d. The Minnesota Department of Health has provided specific guidance encouraging postponement or cancelation of events that do not allow social distancing of at least six feet per person, which is not practical to achieve in the City Council chambers or in the other rooms where the City's boards and commissions meet.
- e. Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 authorizes cities and other public bodies to meet by telephone or other electronic means if the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer determines that meeting in person or by interactive television is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency has been declared. I have consulted with the City's and EDA's chief legal counsel and chief administrative officer.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. Until further notice, all meetings of City bodies governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, including but not limited to City Council meetings, EDA meetings, and meetings of all boards, committees, and commissions of the City or EDA, shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means because it is not practical or prudent to hold those meetings in person or by interactive television. All such meetings must comply with the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.

Dated: March 16, 2020.



Todd Borell
Mayor, City of Maple Lake
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Development Authority