

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
FINDING THAT THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO
IMPACT THE ABILITY TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow legislative bodies to conduct meetings electronically without a physical meeting place; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which specified that Executive Order N-29-20 would remain in effect through September 30, 2021, at which point it would expire; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclaimed State of Emergency remains in effect, and State and local officials, including the California Department of Public Health and the Department of Industrial Relations, have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 into law as urgency legislation that went into effect on October 1, 2021, amending Government Code Section 54953 of the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet remotely during a proclaimed state of emergency, provided certain conditions are met and certain findings are made; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does resolve as follows:

1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, and finds that:
 - a. The factors triggering the State of Emergency continue to directly impact the ability of the City Council, City Boards, Commissions, Committees and members of the public to meet safely in person; and
 - b. State or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.
2. The City of Huntington Beach will comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(e)(2) when holding City Council, City Board, Commission and Committee meetings pursuant to this Resolution.

- 3. The City Council will reconsider the circumstances of the State of Emergency and revisit the need to conduct meetings remotely within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution.

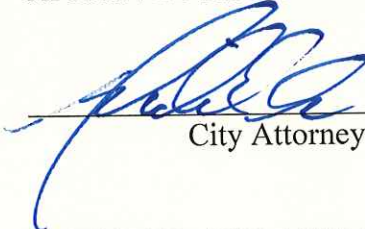
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

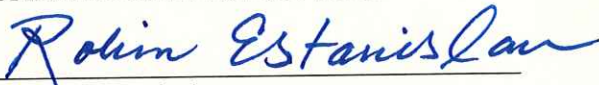
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney *mw*

INITIATED AND APPROVED:



City Clerk