

**RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND
VIDEO DEVICES DURING CITY BOARD MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, Many Cities have enacted policies regarding the use of electronic communications during meetings to help ensure the least disruptive environment for public meetings;

WHEREAS, Most citizens now possess electronic communication devices and possess them during public meetings;

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Ann. § 25-41-9 provides that any public body may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of persons attending its meetings;

WHEREAS, this public body finds that the possession or use of cell phones disrupts its open meetings;

WHEREAS, this public body finds that it is unreasonable for a public body to prohibit the public from recording its open meetings;

WHEREAS, the public body believes that this minor inconvenience is outweighed by the public interest in the conduct of public meetings with the least disruption possible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ABERDEEN,
MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS:**

1. The City determines that each of the findings set forth above are true and correct, and by this reference incorporates those findings as an integral part of this Resolution.
2. That the City finds that the use of cell phones are a disruption to its open meetings and will prohibit the use of cell phones in its public meetings.
3. That the City finds that the following individuals by the nature of their positions, particularly the mayor, the board members, on-call emergency personnel, law enforcement and public safety agencies, city clerk's office and board attorney shall be able to possess phones during the public meetings.
4. That the City will provide a designated area for those attendees who desire to record, however, the City may limit or bar sound or recording equipment to allow for minimal disruption at the public meeting.
5. That the City will post notices at City Hall informing the public of the rules for conduct of persons attending open meetings.
6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately following passage and adoption thereof.

Aldersperson Holliday made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Said motion was seconded by Aldersperson Cain, and after reading the Resolution in whole and in part, and

after thorough discussion and deliberation the Mayor called for the vote of all board members then and there voting, recorded their votes as follows:

Aldersperson	<u>Nicholas Holliday</u>	Yea/Nay
Aldersperson	<u>Rhonda Moore</u>	Yea/Nay
Aldersperson	<u>James Ivory</u>	Yea/Nay
Aldersperson	<u>Jeremy Belle</u>	Yea/Nay
Aldersperson	<u>John Cain</u>	Yea/Nay

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS the 18 day of JUNE, 2024.

Johnny D. Stevem
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Melissa Mooke
CITY CLERK

