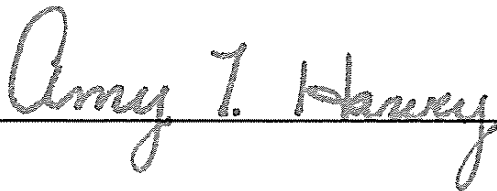


**I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2017-03-06/R-10) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on March 6, 2017.**

**This the 7th day of March, 2017.**

  
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**Amy T. Harvey  
Deputy Town Clerk**



**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS IN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS (2017-03-06/R-10)**

WHEREAS, the Town Council is committed to seeking to attract persons from diverse backgrounds and groups and persons with special expertise to serve on the Town's advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the timing and location of meetings in many cases can be a deterrent for many qualified and interested Town residents to serve on its advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, one possible way to provide a greater opportunity for Town residents to serve on Town advisory boards and commissions could be the use of various technological means to permit remote participation in selected meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that providing an opportunity for limited remote participation by advisory board members may lead to expanded opportunities for participation in the work of Town advisory boards and commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council establish a one-year pilot effort to ascertain whether such technologies are feasible for both the Town and its residents and whether they actually help to address the participation problem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parameters of such a pilot shall include the following:

- Only Boards and Commissions shall be included, not the Council.
- Boards that are quasi-judicial in nature, specifically the Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission, shall not be included, except where those Boards are engaging in making recommendations and not hearing quasi-judicial applications.
- Participation in voting on Boards and Commissions shall be limited to those situations in which the Boards and Commissions are making recommendations to the Town Council. Where the action being considered is approval or denial of, for example, a minor subdivision by the Planning Commission or a certificate of appropriateness by the Community Design Commission that for Ephesus Fordham, a board member attending remotely could participate in the conversation but would not vote on any decision.
- Members could fully participate in and vote at meetings in which they participate remotely, but they would not be counted toward a quorum (i.e., quorum of the Board would need to be physically present at the designated site of the meeting).
- Board or Commission members could participate remotely in no more than one-third of the meetings they are scheduled to attend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these policies shall, during the trial period, supersede any provisions of the Council Procedures Manual inconsistent herewith provided that this pilot program shall expire June 30, 2018 unless the Council takes further action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager is authorized to arrange technological and staff resources to support this pilot program and to bring forth for the Council's consideration any recommendations for budgetary changes needed to facilitate implementation of this policy.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.