

Resolution No.

**A Resolution enacting the Rules of Council from  
January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027,  
repealing Resolution Number 1-24  
and declaring an emergency.**

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE  
OF OHIO:*

**SECTION I:** The following Rules are for the Government of the Council of the City of Lorain and are hereby adopted:

<b>MEETINGS OF COUNCIL</b>
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**RULE 1 - Regular Meetings**

The regular meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first and third Monday evenings of each month promptly at 6 p.m. If the day of the meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. Council shall recess during the month of August.

Agendas along with the corresponding packet may be viewed on the city's website @ [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

**RULE 2 - Special/Emergency Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called by the Mayor or any three (3) members of the legislative authority, or by a majority vote of the legislative authority during any meeting upon providing at least twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice to each member of the legislative authority and to the news media that have requested notifications, except in the event of an emergency requiring official action. In the event of an emergency, notification must be provided to the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting in accordance with O.R.C 121.22.

The business to be transacted as a special and/or emergency meeting shall be identified in the notice and no other business shall be considered. Should the legislative authority adjourn into Executive Session during a special and/or emergency meeting, the topic shall be directly related to matters identified in the notice.

**RULE 3 - Public Meetings**

All regular, special, emergency, committee, work sessions and public hearings etc., of the legislative authority shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22. All minutes and records of the Council shall be available to the public to view and/or purchase in the Clerk of Council Office during business hours.

**RULE 4 - Committee-of-the-Whole**

The Council may resolve into a Committee-of-the-Whole by a majority vote of members present during a regular, special or emergency meeting. The President, President, Pro-Tempore, or his designee, shall preside during the Committee-of-the-Whole sessions. The rules of Council shall be observed and comments from the general public may be heard. No votes shall be taken during a Committee-of-the-Whole.

**RULE 5 – Executive Sessions**

An executive session may be held in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 upon concurrence of an affirmative roll call vote of a majority of members elected unless a larger number is required per O.R.C Section 121.22. No persons other than the legislative authority and appropriate personnel shall attend the executive session unless invited by the President and/or Pro Tempore.

**RULE 6 – Public Hearings**

The President of Council, or his designee, shall preside over Public Hearings required and/or scheduled by the legislative body. No Public Hearing shall be scheduled unless a Resolution setting forth the reasons therefore is adopted or it is a requirement stipulated by state statute or is requested by the appropriate city official.

**OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF COUNCIL**

**RULE 7 - Presiding Officer**

The President, and in his absence the President Pro-Tempore, shall preside over meetings of the legislative authority. He may refer matters as provided for in the Rules of Council. He shall preserve the order and decorum at all times and prevent the impugning of personalities or motives, confines debate to the question under discussion and shall decide all points of order subject to an appeal of the Council and control all aspects of the agenda.

**RULE 8 – President Pro-Tempore**

At the organizational meeting, Council shall nominate and elect, by motion and majority vote, a member to serve as President Pro-Tempore who shall preside in the absence of the President of Council.

**RULE 9 – Clerk of Council and Council Employees**

At its organizational meeting, the Council shall nominate and elect, by motion and majority vote, a Clerk and other staff as required and establish the salaries and benefits provided. The Clerk of Council, or other any other approved substitute, shall be required to attend all meetings of the Council. The Clerk shall keep all records, files, orders, or any pertinent papers considered public records under the Public Records Act. No person, except for the Clerk of Council, or any other approved substitute, shall have direct access to the Council vault or any other storage area where official records of the City are kept. The office hours shall be posted and may change from time to time due to staffing.

\*The Clerk of Council office shall maintain a schedule for the use of the council chamber to prohibit conflicts and shall have discretion, in concurrence with the Safety/Service Director, as to the events permitted in the chamber area. Due to requirement for additional personnel and security, after hour requests for non-governmental meetings or events shall require written approval by the Safety/Service Director and/or his designee.

## COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

### **RULE 10 – Standing Committees**

At the organizational meeting, the President shall present a slate of proposed members for each Standing Committee. Each Standing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and three additional members. The Council shall accept or amend the proposed slate of Standing Committees by a motion, duly seconded, and with the concurrence of an affirmative majority vote. Upon Chairperson vacancy, Vice-Chair will be asked first, then order of committee members by seniority before opening to other members.

Subcommittees may be appointed by the Chairman consisting of members of his committee.

- A. BUILDINGS AND LANDS:** The responsibilities of this committee shall include but are not limited to all acquisitions, construction, maintenance, lease or sale of buildings or lands owned by the city, matters involving building codes and enforcement, (new) property maintenance codes and enforcement issues, public transportation energy conservation, railroad issues and all matters involving the city's zoning code, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board, and other related entities.
- B. FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS:** The responsibilities of this committee shall include but is not limited to all matters involving state and/or federally funded programs, matters pertaining to business attraction/retention and economic development, community programs and services, joint economic development matters and community and regional partnerships, enterprise zones and reinvestment areas.
- C. FINANCE:** The responsibilities of the finance committee shall include all matters involving the city's budget, indebtedness, appropriations/transfers, payment of monies, taxation, tax abatement and/or financial incentives, wages and/or benefits provided to city employees, issues pertaining to the Civil Service Commission, any franchise or any and all matters pertaining to communications and/or technology within the city. The Finance Committee shall also serve as the "Audit Committee" and assume all duties involved in the review of the city's financial reports on a quarterly basis and the official entrance and exit conferences with outside audit firm.
- D. POLICE, FIRE, AND LEGISLATIVE:** The responsibilities of this committee include matters pertaining to the safety forces, all issues involving Homeland Security and community

preparedness, security issues, school safety and matters pertaining to the health district and any matter not covered by any other committee including Council Rules and/or procedures or protocols.

- E. PARKS AND RECREATION:** The responsibilities of this committee include all matters pertaining to city parks, public recreation, playgrounds, beaches, our river, harbors, and shores and all matters involving the Port Authority and other coastal regulatory boards.
- F. STREETS AND UTILITIES:** All matters relating to streets, construction, maintenance or improvement or repair, sidewalks, utilities, utility projects, street and sewer cleaning, matters involving waste and refuse collection services, sewage disposal, snow/leaf removal, drainage, sewers, water/water distribution, assessments; and matters of water and air pollution.

### **RULE 11 – Committee Meetings**

A majority of members of the committee in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only members of the Committee shall have voting power on motions of recommendation put before the Committee. Every attempt shall be made to hold committee meetings on the second and fourth (or fifth) Mondays. The date and subject for all meetings shall be set and announced at regular and/or special meetings of Council by the committee chairman or by a majority of members of the specified committee (unless deemed an emergency by the Chairman and/or majority of committee members).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Anyone wishing to speak must state their name for the record; address, optional. Must leave contact information with Clerk's office if wishing for Elected Officials to reach out after. Comments shall not exceed two (2) minutes.

Attendance of any City Official, Department Head or other city employee may be required requested by the Chairperson to properly dispose of the matter under consideration. In the event the Chairman is absent the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

### **RULE 12 – Committee Reports**

Committee reports are recommendations from said committee and shall be prepared in writing by the Clerk of Council and placed on the next agenda for consideration by the full Council for reading and receipt into the official record.

### **RULE 12 –a – Council Work Session (CWS)**

A Council Work Session (CWS) shall be a meeting open to the public and conducted for the purpose of obtaining information related to the publically announced subject of the CWS.

Council Work Sessions (CWS) may be called by the President of Council and/or any three (3) members of the legislative authority. If a CWS is called by the President of Council, he (or in his absence the President Pro Tempore) shall chair the CWS. If called by three (3) members of the legislative authority, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior council member or the chairman of the related committee subject matter.

The chairperson shall invite all participants and guests and from time-to-time may allow for tours of facilities, permit special presentations and/or invite individuals or experts to address topics regarding the subject matter of the CWS. Public notice of the date, time and subject of all CWS shall be provided for in accordance with state statutes and the rules of Council shall be observed at all times.

There shall be no comments from the general public permitted during a CWS. The Clerk shall provide an overview and summary of CWS, which shall serve as the minutes of the session.

**RULE 13 – Reports from Directors**

Directors and Elected Officials are required to issue reports to Council *annually* and in a timely manner. The Clerk will keep records on all matters referred to Directors, Boards and Commissions for follow up purposes.

**RULES GOVERNING PROCEDURE, DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES**

**RULE 14 - Opening Procedures**

The President shall call the meeting to order and follow the order of business as listed below on the agenda. In the absence of the President, the President Pro-Tempore shall preside. In the event that the President and President Pro-Tempore are absent and a quorum is present, Council shall designate a member to preside until the President or President Pro-Tempore arrives.

**RULE 15 – Quorum**

A majority of Council members elected shall be considered a quorum to conduct business.

**RULE 16 – Order of Business**

The business of all regular meetings of the Council shall be transacted in the following order:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting
4. Correspondence/Reports from Directors, Boards and Commissions and other Governmental Agencies
5. Public Comments (20 minute maximum)
6. Committee Reports
7. Ordinances & Resolutions (First, Second, Third Readings)
8. Committee Calls
9. Adjournment

\*The President of Council may permit matters to be introduced out of the regular order of business for good cause at any time.

\*Presentations and commendations shall be included on the Council agenda upon approval of the Presiding Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:**

\*(item 8 – Rule 16)

- a. A 20 minute maximum time is set aside for public comments.
- b. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes (unless extended by Council)
- c. Speakers must sign up prior to commencement of the meeting.
- d. Speakers must provide their name, address (contact information) and topic they wish to comment on, on provided sign in sheet.
- e. Speakers are called up on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- f. ~~Speakers will engage their comments through the Chair. in civil discussion through the chair and refrain from personal attacks. Violations will result in removal from the Chamber.~~
- g. The Council President reserves the right to rule comments dilatory at all times.
- h. Speakers are encouraged to use their time to comment or ask for clarification on agenda items, report concerns, make a suggestion or announcement of community events and should not expect debate or any discussion on the topic.
- i. Individuals may only sign up to speak once per meeting.

**RULE 17 – Roll Call of Council**

Every member shall be in his seat at the time of Roll Call; otherwise, he shall not be recorded as present. The Clerk shall record the names of the members present and absent in the minutes.

**RULE 18 – Absences/Pay Schedule**

The legislative authority shall, by ordinance, fix the salaries of its members which shall be paid in equal monthly installments. For each absence from a regular meeting of the legislative authority, unless authorized or excused by a two-thirds vote (8) of all members elected thereof, there shall be deducted a sum equal to two percent (2%) of such annual salary. Absence for ten successive regular meetings shall operate to vacate a seat of a member unless such absence is authorized by the legislative authority.

**RULE 19 - Voting by Roll Call**

A roll call vote will be required on all Ordinances, Resolutions, and when so ordered by the Presiding Officer or a majority vote of the legislative body and recorded in the **official minutes**.

**RULE 20 – Precedence of Motions**

When a question is before the Council, the Chair shall refer to the precedence of motions in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

**RULE 21 – Duty to Vote**

Every member present shall vote on all questions upon the call for the vote unless a conflict of interest is present under applicable statutes and Ethics Opinions.

**RULE 22 - Speaking**

When called upon by the Chair, no member shall be allowed to speak for a period of longer than (3) three minutes at any one time unless permission is granted by the Presiding Officer. No member shall speak more than once on the same matter until each member desiring to speak on the matter has had an opportunity to do so.

**RULE 23 - Right of the Floor**

When a member desires to address the Council, they shall request permission from the Presiding Officer. Upon receipt of permission, he shall confine his remarks to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning upon the motive of any other member's argument or vote.

**RULE 24 - Right of Appeal**

Any member may appeal to the Council any ruling of the Presiding Officer. If an appeal is moved and seconded, the member making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the appeal and then the Presiding Officer may briefly explain his ruling. There shall be no debate on an appeal and no other members shall speak. The Presiding Officer shall then state, "Shall the decision of the Chair be upheld?" If only a majority vote is received, the ruling of the Chair shall stand.

**RULE 25 - Amendments**

It shall be in order to amend an Ordinance or Resolution at any time. If amended by an affirmative majority vote of all members elected during a Third Reading, the matter shall revert back to a Second Reading for further and final action

**RULE 26 - Reconsideration**

After the decision on any question, any member who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider any action prior to the adjournment of the current meeting. A motion to reconsider shall require the same number of votes required to adopt an ordinance or resolution. After the motion to reconsider has been acted upon, no other motion for reconsideration thereof shall be made without unanimous consent.

- a.) The initial vote determines whether to reconsider the prior action and,
- b.) If passed by a majority of members elected, the motion the body wishes to reconsider shall again be placed before the legislative authority for discussion and a vote after being restated by the Chair.

**RULE 27 - Attendance Requested**

The Mayor, Safety/Service Director, Law Director, Auditor and Treasurer, or their designee and/or any other Sub-Department Heads requested by Council, **if in attendance**, shall answer questions from Council relating to matters of the city under their respective supervision. The Mayor and his Directors may participate in the discussion of all questions before the Council upon invitation by the body.

**RULE 28 - Reports of City Officers**

All Ordinances, Resolutions and communications pertaining to matters that come under the supervision and control of the Mayor and Directors shall, in addition to being referred to the proper committees, also be referred to such respective Administrative Officers for recommendation. All reports from City Officers suggesting or recommending action by Council, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, shall be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

**RULE 29 – Reserved For Future Rule**

**RULE 30 – To Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn shall always be in order unless the Council is engaged in voting.

**RULE 31 – Requests for Public Records**

Public record requests will be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during business hours of the Clerk of Council Office. Such requests may first be forwarded to the Law Director’s Office for review in order to ensure information protected by Federal and/or State law is not disclosed.

Public record requests shall be accommodated as soon as practicable based upon the volume and nature of the requested material and the completion of the legal review, if necessary. Copies of public records shall be provided at a charge of 5¢ per page after the first five pages and the cost shall be paid in advance. A copy of the public record may be transmitted through the United States mail provided the individual making such request pay costs associated with the mailing in advance. A copy of the public records policy is posted and available in the Clerk’s Office.

**RULE 32 - Audio/Video Recordings of Council Meetings**

The Clerk of Council shall be the custodian of all audio and video recordings housed on city-owned equipment and software installed in the Council Chamber and shall be considered the official custodian of said records and kept in compliance with the Records Retention schedule approved by the Records Commission and retained on file in the Clerk of Council office. Any subsequent recordings and/or reproductions from other sources shall not be retained or supported by the City Council Office.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RULE 33 – Introduction**

All legislation shall be introduced by members of Council present with their names endorsed thereon. The Law Director, or his assistant, shall approve all proposed general legislation to be in the manner prescribed by law prior to submission to the Clerk of Council for placement on the appropriate agenda.

Submission of agenda items for regular and special meetings shall be automatically forwarded to all designated officials in the approved

routing maps contained in the agenda software system. Should a recipient of an agenda item fail to act by either returning the item for corrections and/or is unresponsive, unavailable or not in agreement with the legislative content, the Clerk shall, after due notice forward the item on to the next location designated on the routing map and notate the action on the agenda.

*(The intent of the review/approval process is to provide accuracy and accountability to members of the legislative authority by verifying that each level of authority has been provided with the opportunity to review items prior to council consideration. In no way shall non-approval or lack of action on any agenda item submitted for Council's consideration result in its omission or placement on the next regularly scheduled agenda.)*

Submission of agenda items for regular meetings shall be submitted into Agenda software by 5:00pm on the Wednesday before a Regular Meeting (unless deemed necessary to change by the Council Clerk). Emergency items submitted after publication of the agenda on the city's website shall follow the same requirements as above along a motion from the floor, duly supported, and receive an affirmative vote of three-quarters affirmative vote (9) of council members elected to officially add the item to the agenda for consideration.

Agendas, packets, minutes and notifications are accessible to the legislative body and general public electronically via the city's website and designated as the approved method by which the body receives information and notifications associated with O.R.C. 121.22 and other related sections. Members of the public wishing to receive agendas are encouraged to utilize the "Subscribe" button on the Lorain City Council Agendas & Minutes website.

#### **RULE 34 – Form of Ordinances and Resolutions**

The enacting clause of all Ordinances shall read, "Now, therefore be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio." The enacting clause for Resolutions shall read, "Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio."

All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be typewritten in 12 point font and in a format provided for by the Clerk to retain uniformity. No ordinance, resolution or sections thereof shall be revised or amended unless the new legislation contains the entire ordinance, resolution or section being revised or amended and the original resolution or ordinance shall be repealed.

#### **RULE 35 – Three Readings**

No Ordinance or Resolution shall be passed until it has been read on three (3) separate days in accordance with O.R.C. 731.17, unless the statutory requirement has been dispensed with by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the legislative authority. All Ordinances and Resolutions may be read by caption only provided all members have copies.

#### **RULE 36 - Emergency Legislation**

If an emergency Ordinance or Resolution fails to receive a two-thirds affirmative vote, the emergency clause has no force and effect. However, provided the ordinance or resolution receives the statutory number of affirmative votes required for passage, the Ordinance or Resolution shall be deemed approved and become effective at the earliest period provided by law.

**RULE 37 – Appropriation Ordinances**

Ordinances making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of the appropriation and contain a brief description of the transaction. No money shall be appropriated unless by ordinance.

**RULE 38 – Legislation with Fiscal Impact**

All legislation presented to Council having a financial impact (as either revenue or an expenditure) to any city fund shall be required to select the appropriate agenda template upon submission into the agenda automation software and include the detail (or estimate) required for review by the Auditor’s Office for review.

**RULE 39 - Passage or Adoption**

All Ordinances, Resolutions, and Rules of Council shall require for their passage or adoption the concurrence of a majority of Council members elected, unless the law requires a greater number. A roll call vote is required and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

**RULE 40 – Violations of Council Rules**

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, violates any of these rules, the President shall, or any member may call him to order. The question of order shall be decided immediately and without debate.

**RULE 41- Other Rules/Council Chamber**

- Except as provided herein, the most current version of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of Council.
- It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to comprehend and enforce such rules together with the rules herein set forth.
- No person, other than members of Lorain City Council, staff or other city official shall enter the designated area beyond the bar of the chamber assigned to the Elected Officials **at anytime.**
- A space shall be designated in the Council Chamber as “Reserved for the Media” and shall be used only by the media in attendance for that purpose.
- **The Clerk of Council shall provide summary minutes of all Regular, Committee, Public Hearing and Work Session Meetings**
- **In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, Council Members, or their designee, shall attend the Ohio Attorney General Sunshine Law Training.**

**RULE 42 – Conduct**

All members of the legislative body shall conduct themselves with decorum (appropriateness and propriety of behavior, conduct or

appearance, following Council Rules) at all times while in the confines of the Council Chamber. This includes and extends to regular city council meetings, work sessions, committee meetings public hearings and executive sessions; et al. Proper business attire shall be worn at all regular meetings of Lorain City Council. Jeans, work uniforms or athletic attire are not considered appropriate business attire, and the wearing of the same shall result in a member being subject to a reprimand by the Presiding Officer.

~~Profanity insults, threatening language, racial, ethnic or gender slurs or epithets and rude or~~ Threatening conduct will not be tolerated. Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the meeting immediately by the Presiding Officer.

Upon the concurrence of a majority vote of legislative body, the first act of a violation of Council Rule 40 by a member of Council shall result in the offending member receiving a verbal and written warning from the Presiding Officer detailing the infraction. This written warning shall be read into the record at the next regular meeting. In addition, and with the concurrence of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the legislative authority, the member may be expelled for the remainder of the meeting after having been notified of the violation(s) against him or her via the verbal warning. The member violating Rule 40 will be provided with an opportunity to address the verbal and written warning against them at the next regular council meeting.

Any subsequent violation of Council Rule 40 during the current term, upon the concurrence of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the legislative body, shall result in a 1/12 reduction of annual salary of the offending member. In addition, the member(s) in violation may be removed as chairperson and/or vice chairperson of any council committee for a period of time specified upon a 2/3 vote of all members elected.

Comments or outburst from the general public that result in disruption of a public meeting or that are intended as personal attacks/insults on any attendee shall not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the chamber and/or meeting by the Presiding Officer for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **RULE 43 – Amendments to Council Rules**

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members elected in the affirmative to during any regular or special meeting of Council. All amendments or new rules adopted by the Council shall be attached to this resolution.

#### **RULE 44 - Suspension of Council Rules**

These rules, where not precluded by state statutes, may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the Council by a concurrent vote of the majority of all members elected. The motion shall clearly state which rule is requested for suspension and the vote shall be taken by roll call with the results recorded in the minutes.

#### **RULE 45- Use of Electronic Devices**

(1) Use of City Owned Electronic Devices

(a) Members of City Council shall be provided a City owned personal laptop or tablet and a city owned cell phone.

(b) Members of City Council shall endeavor at all times to use City owned electronic devices when issuing or receiving electronic messages which document the functions of his/her Council office.

(c) Upon termination from his/her elected office, a Council person shall, without delay, return city owned electronic devices to the Clerk of Council.

(2) Use of Privately Owned Electronic Devices

(a) Members of City Council shall endeavor to avoid the use of privately owned electronic devices when issuing or receiving electronic messages which document the functions of his/her Council office.

(b) Members of City Council who issue or receive electronic messages which document the functions of his/her public office shall do the following:

(1) Retain such electronic messages in accordance with the City Council Records Retention Schedule; and,

(2) Forward such electronic messages to the corresponding City owned cell phone, personal laptop or tablet.

**RULE 46- Electronic Devices to Transmit Meetings Prohibited**

City Council members shall not use any electronic device to transmit the conduct of a meeting of Council or any committee thereof or any public meeting conducted as a function of any office of City government.

**RULE 47- In accordance with ORC Section 2917.12- Disturbing a Lawful Meeting**

(A) No person, with purpose to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, shall do either of the following:

(1) Do any act which obstructs or interferes with the due conduct of such meeting, procession, or gathering;

(2) Make any utterance, gesture, or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disturbing a lawful meeting. Except as otherwise provided in this division, disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the first degree if either of the following applies:

(1) The violation is committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet any assemblage of people met for religious worship at a tax-exempt place of worship, regardless of whether the conduct is within the place at which the assemblage is held or is on the property on

which that place is located and disturbs the order and solemnity of the assemblage.

(2) The violation is committed with the intent to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering of people for religious worship, through use of a computer, computer system, telecommunications device, or other electronic device or system, or in any other manner.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Computer," "computer system," and "telecommunications device" have the same meanings as in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Virtual meeting or gathering" means a meeting or gathering by interactive video conference or teleconference, or by a combination thereof.

**SECTION II.**

That Resolution No. 1-20 and all other Ordinances, Resolutions, and by-laws in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

**SECTION III.**

That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION IV.**

That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency, the nature of which is to adopt rules for the conduct of all meetings of the Council commencing with the first meeting in January following the General Election in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lorain; therefore, this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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