

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING SPECIAL MEETING PROCEDURES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF COMMUNICATION MEDIA TECHNOLOGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-69; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued “15 Days to Slow the Spread” guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than ten (10) people; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Florida Attorney General, Ashley Moody, delivered an opinion relative to the Florida Sunshine Law and related issues involving the conduct of public meetings by teleconferencing or other technological means in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-69 suspending requirements of Florida law that a quorum be present in person and that a local government body meet at a specified public place. In addition, Executive Order 20-69 authorizes local governmental bodies to hold public meetings by utilizing communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above referenced recitals are true and accurate and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The following special meeting procedures shall apply to all Town meetings in which communications media technology is utilized:

- A. A Notice of Meeting shall be provided at a reasonable time before any meeting to be conducted utilizing communication media technology. The Notice of Meeting shall be posted at the Town Administrative Building, on the Town’s website and shall be emailed to all residents who have signed up for the Town’s “email blast.” The Notice of Meeting

shall provide a means for the public to provide comments or questions in advance of the meeting. The Notice of Meeting shall provide a dial-in telephone number or internet link for the public to access the meeting. The Notice of Meeting shall also provide information and an offer of ADA accommodations upon request to the Town in advance to the meeting.

B. A time for public comments shall be provided during the conduct of the meeting. Otherwise, the meeting shall be conducted as much as is practicable as if members of the Town Commission were physically present at the meeting.

C. Minutes of the meeting shall be prepared and approved as provided by Florida Law.

SECTION 3. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. Should any section or provision of this Resolution or portion hereof, any paragraph, sentence or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of March, 2020.

TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA

Mayor Daniel J. Comerford, III

Vice-Mayor Milton J. Block

ATTEST:

Commissioner Cynthia B. Keim

TOWN CLERK

Commissioner Michael A. Armato

Commissioner Richard D. Busto