



Date of Council Meeting: November 12, 2013

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- Subject:** Initiating Amendment to the Town Code to allow Remote Participation by Council Members during council meetings.
- Staff Contact:** Jeanette A. Irby, Town Attorney
- Recommendation:** Direction from Council Required
- Issue:** On March 6, 2013 Legislation approved an amendment to the State Code to allow Remote Participation in Public Meetings under certain circumstances.
- Fiscal Analysis:** None
- Background:** If council desires to allow its members to participate in Council meetings via remote access, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.1 as amended and reenacted, will need to be adopted in addition to the section in Robert's Rules of Order and Procedure to define the rules for participation.

PRESENTED November 12, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTED _____

A RESOLUTION: INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CODE GOVERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN MEETINGS THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

WHEREAS, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended § 2.2-3708.1 (Participation in meetings in the event of emergency or personal matter; certain disabilities; distance from meeting location for certain public bodies) was recently amended by the General Assembly to allow for the participation of members of public bodies by electronic means from a remote location under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, in order for those conditions to be readily accessible and to expedite the process for the approval or disapproval of the member's electronic participation by the mayor and town council or board and commission, a section of the Town Code may be necessary to enumerate the conditions for proper electronic participation under § 2.2-3708.1

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that a Town Code amendment is initiated to set forth the conditions that must occur before a member of the Town Council, board or commission is able to participate in a public meeting electronically from a remote location.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

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ATTEST:

Clerk of Council