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City to resume social distancing requirements at city council meetings

Kerrville, Texas (Aug. 9, 2021) – COVID-19 (Coronavirus) provides a unique concern in that gathering members of the public, city council, and city staff within a physical setting constitutes a public health risk. On March 16, 2020, the Texas Governor suspended certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act to permit open meetings to occur in a fully or partially virtual setting (telephonic/videoconference).



Due to the recent local uptick in positive Coronavirus cases in Kerr County, standard safety protocols will be observed by city council, city staff, and citizens/visitors attending city council meetings. While masks are voluntary and highly encouraged, six-foot distance seating will be observed and visitor seating will be designated. Visitor overflow will be in the city hall lobby or outside city hall.

Citizens are encouraged to view and hear city council meetings on Spectrum Channel 2 or by live-streaming via the city's website (www.kerrvilletx.gov). City council meetings are also recorded and the recordings posted on the city's website and Facebook pages.

Citizens wishing to speak at city council meetings shall submit a completed "speaker request form" to the city secretary. Each speaker is limited to four minutes.

Written comments will be accepted for any agenda items, including public hearings. Speakers are required to provide their first and last name, address, and identify the item on which they wish to comment. Written comments may be emailed to shelley.mcelhannon@kerrvilletx.gov and must be received one hour before the meeting. In addition, anyone may email councilmembers via their city email addresses as specified on the city's website.

The city thanks all of our citizens in advance for their cooperation.

Effective 08/10/2021:

Temporary COVID-19 Social Distancing Measures will be strictly enforced during Public City Meetings

Maximum Visitor Seating Capacity for City Council Chambers = Nine (9)

Maximum Lobby Capacity = Eight (8)

Meetings can be viewed on the City website (www.kerrvilletx.gov/1328/Kerrville-City-Channel), City Facebook Page, and Spectrum Channel 2

Face coverings are encouraged.

Thank you for your cooperation.