

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF COVINGTON

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EXECUTIVE ORDER CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-12

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, 2020 KY SB150 was recently adopted, and it provides alternative procedures for conducting public agency meetings notwithstanding KRS 61.826 during this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with recent directives to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, all City of Covington Board of Commissioner meetings will be conducted via video teleconference until further notice.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

- Caucus and Legislative meetings shall continue to be held as scheduled.
- All Board of Commissioner Caucus and Legislative meetings shall be closed to the public, but the public may access the meetings as detailed below.

- Any news media representatives may not attend the meetings in-person, but may access the meetings as detailed below.
- Each meeting will be broadcast live through the TBNK's cable and streaming outlets and available at:

https://tbnk.vod.castus.tv/vod/?nav=programs%2FCity%20of%20Covington

https://www.covingtonky.gov/government/mayor-commissioners (click on "latest videos" just under the photos of the commissioners)

Fioptics channel 815

Spectrum Channel 203

- During any meeting conducted under this Order the meeting shall be suspended in the event of any interruption in the video or audio broadcast.
- Public comments will still be accepted for legislative meetings. Members of the public may submit their comments by emailing comments to the City Clerk Maggie Nyhan < MNyhan@covingtonky.gov > no later than noon on Tuesday for presentation at that day's legislative meeting.
- Any officials joining at one location during the broadcast of a meeting shall take all steps to remain the minimum recommended six (6) feet of social distancing.
- All members of the Board of Commissioners and necessary staff will attend the meeting via video teleconference rather than in-person.
- The meeting agenda and backup materials will continue to be available to the public on the usual schedule in accordance with Commissioners' Order ORD-12-19.
- The City Clerk shall include in all notices of the meeting notification in a
 prominent location that due to COVID-19 and the declared state of
 emergency that the meeting is closed to personal attendance by members
 of the public and is accessible for remote observation by members of the
 public through live streaming and the TBNK outlets listed above.
- The City Clerk shall memorialize the notification in the meeting minutes.

A meeting agenda may continue to include presentations or testimony from individuals or by groups outside of City government by advance arrangement with the commission, as has been the practice, subject to further public health and government directives.

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 6th day of April, 2020, Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:

4-6-20