

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WALKER, LOUISIANA**

The following Resolution was offered by a motion from Mr. Cook , seconded by Ms. Major.

**RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE AND IMPLEMENT PARTICIPATION IN OPEN
MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ACT 393 OF 2023 AS AMENDED LA. R.S. 42:17.2.1**

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages public participation during all of its public meetings and desires to establish policies and procedures consistent with State Law; and

WHEREAS, Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session as amended, La.R.S.42:17.2.1 and 42:14(E) to require public bodies to accommodate members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) such that those members of the public can participate during the open meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide viable alternative methods for members of the public with an ADA recognized disability participation in public meetings; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Walker to enact and participate in the rules as follows:

Rules for Remote Participation in Open Meetings by Those with ADA-Recognized Disabilities

1. Members with ADA-Recognized Disabilities;
 - a. Any member of the public with an ADA-recognized disability, who seeks accommodation to participate and vote in an open meeting of the municipality, or any member of the public with an ADA-recognized disability who seeks accommodation to observe and participate in an open meeting of the City of Walker, shall complete an application for participation and a medical certification of disability on forms provided by the City of Walker.
 - b. For members of the public who are granted accommodation for ADA-recognized disabilities pursuant to this section, the City of Walker shall inform a member of the public of the means by which they or their designated caregiver may observe and participate in the open meeting, whether by teleconference or video conference or other viable alternative methods, including the means by which they may submit public comments on agenda items prior to and/or during the open meeting.
 - c. For any meeting in which a council member with ADA-recognized disabilities will participate remotely, the City of Walker shall post the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.
 - d. Members of the municipal governing body who receive accommodation pursuant to this section for an ADA-recognized disability shall be allowed to participate by electronic means in an executive session convened in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meetings Law. In no instance, however, shall any member of the public be allowed to observe or participate in an executive session of the governing body.
 - e. The meeting's presiding officer shall ensure that each person participating in the meeting is properly identified and that all parts of the meeting (excluding executive sessions) are clear and audible to all participants. The vote of every member of the governing body, including those participating by electronic means, shall be clearly identified and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

- f. If a technical problem impairs the ability of the disabled member of the public or disabled member of the public body to participate in the meeting, the meeting shall be recessed until the problem is resolved. If the technical issue is not resolved within one hour, the meeting shall be adjourned, and the presiding officer will use all reasonable means to notify all participants of that fact.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately. This Resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

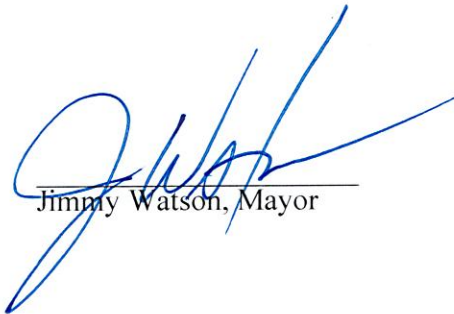
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wales

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted on the 8th day of April, 2024 by the Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana, at the regular scheduled meeting at the City Hall, Walker, Louisiana, on said date, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted unanimously in favor thereof and this Resolution has not been revoked or rescinded.


Tammy Payton - Municipal Clerk


Jimmy Watson, Mayor