

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF OJAI AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE  
MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF OJAI PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)**

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361, allows legislative bodies to hold open meetings by teleconference without reference to otherwise applicable requirements in Government Code section 54953(b)(3), so long as the legislative body complies with certain requirements, there exists a declared state of emergency, and one of the following circumstances is met:

1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
2. The legislative body is holding the meeting for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. The legislative body has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to option 2, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 on March 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Ojai, and the City's Boards and Commissions, desire to hold its public meetings by teleconference consistent with Government Code section 54953(e).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution by this reference.

**SECTION 2. Conditions are Met.** The City Council hereby finds and declares the following, as required by Government Code section 54953(e)(3):

1. The Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency on March 4, 2020, pursuant to Government Code section 8625, which remains in effect.
2. State or local officials, including the Ventura County Director of Public Health, have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

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**SECTION 3. Remote Teleconferencing Meetings for City Council and Other City Boards and Commissions. Acting under Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) and this Resolution, the Mayor and the Chair of each of the City's Boards and Commissions are hereby authorized to take actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.** This includes conducting open and public meetings by teleconference in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Ojai at the regular meeting of said Council held on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Blatz, Francina, Haney, Stix, Weirick  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA

Betsy Stix  
Betsy Stix, Mayor

Oct 19, 2021  
Date signed

ATTEST:

Gail Davis  
Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew T. Summers  
Matthew Summers, City Attorney