

ORDINANCE NO. 5710

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE USE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES BY ADDING SECTION 2.08.025 TO THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council has, by resolution, imposed a moratorium on the use of teleconference for conducting its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council deems it in the best interest of the City to allow the use of teleconference for conducting certain Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council believes that teleconference technology impedes the Council's ability to conduct meetings and should therefore be used only when absolutely necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Chapter 2.08 of the Rapid City Municipal Code is hereby amended to include a new section as follows:

2.08.025 Teleconference Meetings.

Except as provided in this section, no meeting of the Rapid City Common Council may be held by teleconference as defined by state law. Notwithstanding the prohibition against meeting by teleconference, the Mayor and Council President or Vice President are authorized to call a meeting by teleconference upon determining that special circumstances exist which necessitate holding a special Council meeting by teleconference. The Mayor and Council President or Vice President shall include in the notice of the special Council meeting a statement identifying the special circumstances which necessitate the use of teleconferencing to conduct the meeting.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

(SEAL)

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