

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-045

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA
TELECONFERENCE IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council passed a resolution imposing a moratorium on holding City Council meetings by teleconference on July 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 1-25-1 specifically authorizes official meetings of public bodies to be held by teleconference; and

WHEREAS, there may be situations which arise that require immediate action, but where an insufficient number of Alderman are present within the City, or are otherwise unable to assemble in the same place to make action by the City Council possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to allow City Council meetings to be held via teleconference in the event of an emergency in which the need to quickly convene the members of the City Council at the same location for an official meeting is not possible, or practical.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City, that in the event of an emergency in which the City Council needs to have an official meeting, but the ability to have a quorum of the Alderman convene in the same place is either impossible, or is impractical under the circumstances, the City Council may hold an official meeting via teleconference pursuant to the rules established in SDCL Chapter 1-25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the determination of whether or not an emergency exists which allows the convening of an official meeting of the City Council may be made by the Mayor, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the President or Vice President of the City Council if acting as the Mayor pursuant to SDCL 9-8-7, or by agreement of at least three City Council members.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Sam Kooiker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer