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**Board of Health Resolution  
Meetings with Electronic Technology  
July 17, 2020**

WHEREAS; Ohio H.B. 197 is emergency legislation that provides “[d]uring the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of the emergency continues beyond that date, members of a public body may hold and attend meetings and may conduct and attend hearings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology. . . .”; and

WHEREAS, as the Scioto County Board of Health (hereafter referred to as Board) continues to hold meeting during the state of emergency, additional members of the public desire to attend said hearings, which could result in a public gathering of more than 10 people occurring outside a single household or living unit and connected property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to allow unlimited members of the public to observe and hear the discussions and deliberations of all members of the public body, whether the member is participating in person or electronically, without violating the Department of Health’s prohibition of gatherings of 10 or more people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. During the period of the state of emergency declared by Governor Dewine on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of the emergency continues beyond that date, the Board may hold and attend meetings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology.
2. Any resolution, rule, or formal action of any kind that is taken shall have the same effect as if it had occurred during a typical open meeting of the Board.
3. Members of the Board who attend meetings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology, will be considered present as if in person at the meeting, will be permitted to vote, and will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting.
4. In the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action, the Board must immediately notify the news media that have requested notification of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

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- 5. The Board will provide the public access to a meeting held by teleconference, video conference, or other electronic technology, commensurate with the method in which the meeting or hearing is being conducted, including, but not limited to, examples such as live-streaming by means of the internet, local radio, television, cable, or public access channels, call in information for a teleconference, or by means of any other similar electronic technology.
- 6. In so doing, the Board will ensure that the discussions and deliberations of all the members of the public body, whether any member is participating in person or electronically, will be available to the public.
- 7. All other sections of the Open Meetings Act apply, unless they are in conflict with Ohio H.B. 197.
- 8. If any of the Board members are attending by electronic means, then the public will be allowed to attend by commensurate electronic means.
- 9. Notice of all meetings of the Board that are held by teleconferencing, video conferencing, or other electronic means will be given to the public and to the media outlets that have requested notification of a meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.
- 10. Notice of all such meetings will be by reasonable methods that will allow any person to determine the time, location, and manner by which the meeting will be conducted, as well as the purpose of the meeting.

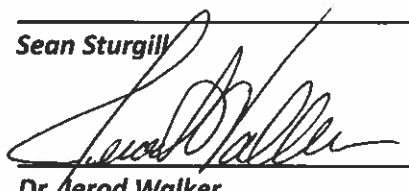
Now, therefore, be it resolved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 the Scioto County Board of Health adopts the above resolution to become effective July 20, 2020 and terminate on December 1, 2020, unless extended by a duly enacted statute prior to that date.

**Scioto County Board of Health**

  
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