

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
ORDINANCE #02-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA REPEALING WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.052 ENTITLED "PARTICIPATION BY TELECONFERENCE," AND AMENDING WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.04.070 ENTITLED "EXCUSED ABSENCES," AND 2.04.075 ENTITLED "TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION."**

**THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Classification.** This Ordinance is permanent in nature and upon approval of the City Council shall be codified in the Whittier Municipal Code.

**Section 2. Repeal of Section 2.08.052.** Section 2.08.052 is hereby repealed.

**Section 3. Amendment of Section 2.04.070.** Section 2.04.070 is hereby amended to read as follows: [deletions in red strikethrough, additions underlined in red]

**2.04.070 Excused absences.**

**A.** A Council member's absence from a regular Council meeting may be excused only if:

1. The member is excused by motion of the Council at a regular meeting;
2. The absence occurs because the member was conducting authorized business on behalf of the City, in which case the absence will be automatically excused and the excusable absence will be noted in the minutes of the meeting at which the absence occurred.

**B.** No Council member may be excused from more than ~~six~~four (4) regular meetings in a 12-month period unless the additional absences are necessitated by:

1. Conditions of the member's employment which are beyond his control; or
2. Any injury or illness of the member or a member of his family.

~~C. A Council member who is participating in a Council meeting telephonically is not allowed to participate in executive sessions.~~

~~D.~~**C.** Except as hereinafter provided, all Council member requests for an excused absence must be made in writing, including electronic facsimile transmission or email delivered to the City Clerk.

~~E.~~**D.** In the event of an absence resulting from an event beyond the control of the Council

member, the Council member, within 14 days, may request in writing to be excused from a missed meeting.

**Section 4. Amendment of Section 2.04.075.** Section 2.04.075 is hereby amended to read as follows: [deletions in red strikethrough, additions underlined in red]

**2.04.075 Telephonic or other electronic participation.** A council member may participate in a regular or special meeting, including any Executive Session thereof, by telephonic or other electronic means. ~~Telephonic or other electronic participation is limited to four (4) times per year~~

~~A. A request to participate in a regular or special meeting must be made in writing (hand delivered request, mail or email) to the City Clerk, 3 hours in advance of the meeting.~~


**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



Daniel Blair  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Krol  
CITY CLERK

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0