

ORDINANCE RECORD

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ORDINANCE NO. 1564

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 33.16, 33.18, AND 33.22; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ENACTED; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Municipal Code Section 33.16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 33.16 PUBLIC BODY MEETINGS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Meetings of the City Council or other public bodies of the City shall be held in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act set forth in Neb. RS 84-1407 through 84-1414, including without limitation requirements of the Act governing notices, agendas, emergency meetings, virtual conferencing, minutes, voting and closed sessions.

SECTION 2. Municipal Code Section 33.18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 33.18 EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes, and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of § 33.21 shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

SECTION 3. Municipal Code Section 33.22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 33.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

(A) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public shall have the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to Neb. RS 84-1410 as described in § 33.17, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, camera, video equipment or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing. Except for such closed sessions, a public body shall allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.

(B) It shall not be a violation of division (A) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting, nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body may require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(C) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience. No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place located in this state.

(D) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at the meeting. Public bodies shall make available at the meeting, for examination and copying

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by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form.

Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act, posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public body shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. Sections 33.16, 33.18, and 33.22 as originally enacted, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances as previously enacted that are in conflict with this ordinance or any part hereof, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Mayor and City Council hereby declare that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

CITY OF LA VISTA


Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rachel D. Carl, CMC
City Clerk