

**RESOLUTION NO. 1453
CITY OF PRINEVILLE, OREGON**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OF PRINEVILLE POLICIES REGARDING
PUBLIC COMMENT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Whereas, on March 8, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order 20-03), finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the Crook County Court declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Crook County, Oregon; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the City Council of Prineville declared a state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic per Resolution 1429; and

Whereas, March 13, 2020, all City Council Meetings have been held telephonically and by simultaneous video transmission on the City's Facebook page. This has been based on Oregon Executive Order and City Council Resolution; and

Whereas, Oregon statute does not require public comment other than in instances of a public hearing; and

Whereas, City Council believes it imperative that citizens be allowed to provide public comment during City Council Meetings and an orderly and efficient procedure should be established;

Whereas, a written document presented to Council is within the record

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Prineville resolves and declares the following:

1. Other than public hearings, which shall be governed by HB 4212, public comments shall be limited to written comments provided to City Council by mail at City of Prineville, ATTN: Lisa Morgan, 387 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or by email at cityhall@cityofprineville.com. Any written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the scheduled Council meeting and must include the sender's name and address.
2. All written comments shall be provided within the Council Packet, published online, and also become part of any minutes so adopted; however, published comments will have the addresses redacted.

3. This Resolution shall be effective so long as a Local State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic is in existence.

Approved by the City Council this ____ day of July, 2020.

Stephen P. Uffelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Morgan, City Recorder