## **RESOLUTION NO.**

## RESOLUTION REGARDING TELECONFERENCE AND VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8625, that a state of emergency exists due to a novel coronavirus (COVID- 19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, in lifting many restrictions that the State previously imposed due to COVID-19, the Governor indicated that those changes did not end the ongoing, proclaimed state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that on September 22, 2021, the Marin County Director of Health & Human Services recommended that local government entities continue to emphasize social distancing in order to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 during indoor, public meetings; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization classified a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and named it Omicron and on December 1, 2021, the California and San Francisco Departments of Public Health confirmed that a recent case of COVID-19 in California was caused by the Omicron variant; and

**WHEREAS,** in light of the County's recommendation and the current COVID-19 Variant of Concern, the Town Council desires to continue to have the flexibility, for itself and for all other Town-affiliated legislative bodies to meet by teleconference and/or videoconference.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. There is an ongoing proclaimed state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19.
- 2. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Town legislative bodies to meet safely in person.
- 3. Local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the first regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo for the month of January, which was held on the 11th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES

NOES: ABSENT:

Alexis Fineman, Mayor

Attest:

Carla Kacmar, Town Clerk