



**RESOLUTION 2020-11**  
Adopted April 7, 2020

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES OF COUNCIL FOR THE DURATION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARED MARCH 9, 2020 BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01D OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO.**

**WHEREAS,** the well-being and safety of the residents and employees of the City of Powell are of the utmost importance to this City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, on March 9, 2020, issued Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency within the State of Ohio resulting from the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020, Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, issued an order for all persons in the State of Ohio to remain in their residences, subject to specific exceptions for essential functions; and

**WHEREAS,** while services necessary to ensure the continuing operation of municipalities such as the City of Powell are essential functions under the terms of Director Acton's order, it is Council's intention that Council and City operations continue such that social distancing precautions are implemented to the greatest extent practicable; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 27, 2020, Governor DeWine signed Ohio H.B. 197, which provided temporary provision for public bodies in the State of Ohio to meet via videoconference or teleconference rather than in-person as otherwise provided in Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Powell is a charter municipality with all powers of local self-government bestowed by Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** the Charter of the City of Powell provides for the conduct of meetings of the City Council, at Section 4.08 of the City Charter, and the adoption of Rules of Council, at Section 4.10 of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS,** Council is empowered by the Charter to enact Rules for the duration of the state of emergency that will provide for continuity of City business and the safety of residents, employees, and members of Council consistent with the orders of Director Acton and temporary revisions to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code provided by H.B. 197; and

**WHEREAS,** time is of the essence if permanent damage to the quality of life of residents of the City of Powell is to be avoided;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: That the City Council hereby adopts the Temporary Rules of Council for the Duration of the Emergency Declared by Ohio Governor Executive Order 2020-01D, attached and incorporated as Exhibit A of this Resolution.

Section 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance

