

ORDINANCE NO. 1190

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA RELATING TO MEETINGS OF A PUBLIC BODY; TO AMEND SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1-501; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 1-501 of the Springfield Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

§1-501 MEETINGS; OPEN TO PUBLIC; NOTICE; AGENDA; MINUTES.

(A) The formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the State Constitution, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act, Neb. RS 84-1407 et seq. (Neb. RS 84-1408)

(B) (1) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in division (B)(2) below. The notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(2) The notice shall be given by:

(a) 1. a. Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting;

b. Posting on such newspaper's website, if available;
and

c. Posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of state newspapers.

2. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper.

(b) 1. a. Posting to the newspaper's website, if available; and

b. Posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of state newspapers if no edition of a

newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting.

2. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper.

(c) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city, village, or district. Such notice shall be posted by the public body in the same three places for each meeting.

(3) (a) In case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish the notice, the public body shall:

1. Post such notice on its website, if available;

2. Submit a post on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of state newspapers; and

3. Post such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's jurisdiction.

(b) The public body shall keep a written record of such posting. The record of such posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

(4) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of the notice in its minutes.

(5) The notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or 48 hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of the City Council scheduled outside the corporate limits of the city. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting. (Neb. RS 84-1411)

(6) The minutes of the City Clerk shall include the record of the manner and advance time by which the advance publicized notice was given, a statement of how the availability of an agenda of the then known subjects was communicated, the time and specific place of the meetings, and the names of each member of the Governing Body present or absent at each convened meeting. The minutes of the Governing Body shall be a public record open to inspection by the public upon request at any reasonable time at the office of the City Clerk. Minutes shall be

written and available for inspection within 10 working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that the City may have an additional 10 working days if the employee responsible for writing the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency. Any official action on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be taken only by roll call vote of the Governing Body in open session. The record of the Municipal Clerk shall show how each member voted, or that the member was absent and did not vote. (*Amended by Ord. No. 255, 11/1/83; 1084, 12/7/21*)

Section 2. Any other ordinance or code section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 17th day of June 2025.

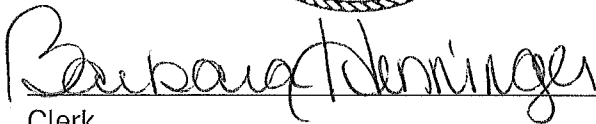


Mayor

(SEAL)



Attest:



Clerk