



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 15, 2022

Re: Virtual member and public participation for Boards, Commissions and Task Forces

## Executive Summary

The plan to move City of Columbia Boards, Commissions and Task Forces toward virtual participation for members and the public utilizes a phased approach allowing for modifications (if needed) at each phase.

## Discussion

On June 21, 2022, Council and staff received a report from the Disabilities Commission requesting the extension of the virtual participation trial program which was passed via Ordinance No. 024848 Nov. 15, 2021. This report also requested steps be taken to allow for all City Council and board and commission to permit virtual attendance and move toward implementation of a virtual participation program.

In accordance with the Council request, staff were tasked with providing possible solutions to achieve the goals laid out in the report. Through a survey of all City meetings that allow public attendance, alongside a review of current infrastructure, a series of recommendations have been prepared.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Dependent on Council action.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive Community, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action

## Suggested Council Action

Acceptance of the report.