

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 674

BILL NO. 2026-06

**AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW REMOTE TELEPHONIC ATTENDANCE AND VOTING BY
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS WHEN AN IN-PERSON QUORUM IS PHYSICALLY
PRESENT**

WHEREAS Hanover Township is a Township organized and operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Home Rule Charter of Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS the Township Council of Hanover Township shall, under the authority of the Home Rule Charter, Section 3.10 Procedure, Subsection (b) Rules and Journal, enact ordinances determining the Council's rules and order of business; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that it would benefit the health, safety, and general welfare of the Citizens of Hanover Township to amend §1-418 of the Township Code of Ordinances

WHEREAS the Township Council of Hanover Township may, under the general authority of the Home Rule Charter, the Hanover Township Code and in accordance with 53 P.S. § 2942, enact an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that it would benefit the health, safety, and general welfare of the Citizens of Hanover Township to amend the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter to permit electronic attendance and voting at meetings by Council Members; and

HANOVER TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS that an appointed designee of the Township shall take such actions as necessary to place a referendum for the voters of Hanover Township at the next general, primary or municipal election that occurs not less than thirteen (13) Tuesdays following the filing of this Ordinance, in compliance with Home Rule Charter and Optional Plan Law, 53 P.S. § 2943(a), amending Article III, Section 3.10(c) of the Home Rule Charter as follows:

~~**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has determined that it would benefit the health, safety, and general welfare of the Citizens of Hanover Township to amend §1-418 of the Township Code of Ordinances~~

NOW THEREFORE, HANOVER TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS THAT Article III, Township Council, Section 3.10(c) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter shall be deleted in its entirety and restated, as follows:

~~**NOW THEREFORE, HANOVER TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS THAT** Article III, Township Council, Section 3.10(c) of the Township Charter and Chapter 1, Part 4, Sections 1-418 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township shall be deleted in their entirety and restated, as follows:~~

Section 3.10

(c) Voting. Voting, except on procedural motions, shall be by roll call and the ayes and nays shall be recorded in the journal. Three (3) members of the council shall constitute a quorum, including those attending by permitted telephonic or electronic communication methods as Ordained in the Hanover Township Code of Ordinances, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time, and may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and subject to the penalties prescribed by the resolutions of the council. No action of the council, except as otherwise provided in the preceding sentence and in Section 3.06, shall be valid and binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of the members of the council. The vote of a majority of the members of the council shall be required for the adoption of an ordinance, resolution, or budget, unless otherwise provided by this charter. The vote of a majority of the members of the council present shall be required for the adoption of a motion.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS THAT Article III, Township Council, Section 3.10(c) of the Township Charter and Chapter 1, Part 4, Sections 1-418 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township shall be deleted in theirits entirety and restated, as follows:

§ 1-418. Voting by Council.

1. Except as set forth in Subsection 1-418 (2), below, the requirements for voting by the Council are set forth in the Charter.
2. ~~Provided a quorum of the Council members are physically present at a meeting, additional~~ Council members may participate in such a meeting via telephonic communication methods, or any other electronic attendance methods, including, but not limited to, remote video conferencing platforms, telephonic attendance to permit voting on matters before the Council.


Chairman


Township Clerk

Adopted: JULY 15, 2026

Motion: HEIMBECKER

Seconded: WOOLLEY

Vote: HEIMBECKER, CRUZ, ROSSI, WOOLLEY, PAULUS

AYE UNAN