

VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 09-22

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
STREAMING POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF COVINGTON

WHEREAS, The Village of Covington Council generally has regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 7PM in the Village Government Center, which are meetings that are open to the public, have a public comment portion of the meeting, and allow public discussions on legislation as required by pertinent local, state, and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Covington Council has a need to adopt a formal policy related to the streaming of Council Meetings to assure compliance with local, state, and federal regulations related to the storage and management of such recordings and to provide clarity of services for anyone who wishes to be involved in the Village Council meetings; and


WHEREAS, The Village of Covington Council utilizes formal meeting minutes that are approved at subsequent meetings as the official documentation of the meeting proceedings and does not have a need for recordings to serve any purpose beyond being informational to the general public and to provide additional ways for the public to be able to view Council Meetings; and

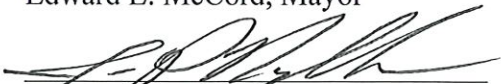
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Covington, State of Ohio, as follows:


**SECTION 1:** Policy – Admin – 12-22 – Meeting Streaming, attached as Exhibit A is adopted.

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance and therefore this policy shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Approved this June 21, 2022.

  
Edward L. McCord, Mayor

  
Jesse Reynolds, President of Council

  
Rhonda Gill, Fiscal Officer



## **VILLAGE OF COVINGTON**

### **POLICY – ADMIN – 12-22 MEETING STREAMING POLICY**

#### **1. Purpose.**

The Village of Covington, Ohio hereafter referred to as the Village, holds regularly scheduled public Village Council meetings multiple times per month in the Government Center and intends to make those public meetings available to stream live via a weblink from the Village website and at a designated website host to allow more access to view the public meeting.

#### **2. General Provisions**

- A. The Village shall, to the best of its ability, make the Village Council Meetings available for video streaming via a publicly available service, such as Facebook, YouTube, Zoom, etc. at no cost to the viewer.
- B. The Village will not stream any other meetings including the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, or any other public board or commission within the Village.
- C. The Village will attempt to start the video stream as the meeting starts and will end the stream after the meeting is completed.
- D. The Village will not store said streamed meeting, nor keep any recordings of said meeting, and will utilize the formal meeting minutes adopted by the Village Council as the official documentation of the meeting.

#### **3. Comment Policy**

By maintaining a presence on various internet platforms, the Village does not intend to create a public forum for comments from the public. No comments will be permitted on any live streams. Should a member of the public wish to communicate with the Village, please come to the public meeting or contact or e- mail the Village Administrator directly.

**Policy Last Updated: June 2022**

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