

The City of Flat Rock's priority is always the health, safety, and welfare of residents, businesses, visitors and its staff. Flat Rock has proactively taken steps to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the city, including the hosting of virtual meetings. All City Council, Commission and Board meetings will be conducted as virtual meetings until further notice.

The meetings will be held through ZOOM, a video and conferencing app. With the use of Zoom meetings, council members, commission/board members, and members of the public will be able to participate by watching, listening and speaking during the meeting. You can join an instant meeting through an email invite, from your browser, from the Zoom desktop and mobile application and from a landline or mobile phone. Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link. Each meeting notice that we post on our City website homepage ([www.flatrockmi.org](http://www.flatrockmi.org)) under calendar of events or upcoming events, will include a link for that specific meeting for you to join and participate in. You can also contact the City of Flat Rock by calling 734-782-2455 to speak with an employee on instructions to participate. As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, access to all programs, services and activities provided by the City of Flat Rock are available to individuals with disabilities with 48 hours' notice. Individuals who believe they are in need of an accommodation should contact the Flat Rock City Clerk's Office.

Below you will find the Open Meeting Act requirements to host electronic meeting.

Starting Thursday, March 19, 2020 and through April 15, 2020, (this date may be extended further) the rules of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) are suspended to the extent they require a meeting of a public body to be in a physical building open to the public and to the extent the OMA requires the physical presence of one or more members of the public body. Instead, a meeting of a public body can be held electronically provided the following conditions are met:

(a) A meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

(b) A meeting of a public body held electronically must be conducted in a manner that permits two-way communication so that members of the public body can hear and be heard by other members of the public body and so that general public participants can hear members of the public body and can be heard by members of the public body and other participants during a public comment period. The public body also may use technology to facilitate typed public comments that may be read to or shared with members of the public body and other participants.

(c) Members of a public body and of the general public participating electronically will be considered present and in attendance at the meeting and may participate in the meeting as if physically present at the meeting.

(d) All persons must be permitted to participate in any meeting of a public body held electronically, except as otherwise provided in the OMA.

(e) If a public body directly or indirectly maintains an official internet presence, the public body must, consistent with and in addition to any other applicable notice requirements under the OMA, post advance notice of a meeting held electronically on a portion of the public body's website that is fully accessible to the public. The public notice on the website must be included on either the homepage or on a separate webpage dedicated to public notices for non-regularly scheduled public meetings or electronic meetings and accessible through a prominent and conspicuous link on the website's homepage that clearly describes its purpose for public notification of those non-regularly scheduled or electronic public meetings. Notice of a meeting of a public body that will be held electronically must include all of the following:

- An explanation of the reason why the public body is meeting electronically.
- Detailed procedures by which the public may participate in the meeting electronically, including a telephone number, internet address, or both.
- Procedures by which persons may contact members of the public body to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the public body at the meeting.
- Procedures by which persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting.