## **RESOLUTION No. 4, 2022**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE VALPARAISO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO CITY HALL AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works and Safety ("Board of Works"), and all other City boards, councils and commissions conducts most of their public meetings within the City Council Chamber at City Hall. Almost all meetings occur after City Hall is closed and City staff is not present within the building.

WHEREAS, The Board of Works in cooperation with the City Administrator has been taking steps over the last few months to increase security within City Hall while maintaining public access. Those efforts continue.

WHEREAS, One identified area of concern is unescorted individuals wandering around City Hall. In two recent instances, individuals were walking around City Hall with video cameras. One was discovered in the basement of City Hall.

WHEREAS, Although the Board of Works encourages anyone with City business to enter City Hall, access to certain areas of City Hall must be limited to preserve the safety of all elected officials, City employees and the general public.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VALPARAISO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. All guests entering City Hall during business hours must first speak to the receptionist as to the general nature of their visit. The receptionist will direct them as needed. With the exception of City employees, no person is permitted to go past the receptionist desk without approval.
- 2. As to times when City Hall is used before/after business hours for public meetings and other gatherings, the doors to City Hall and the Council Chambers will be open **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled start of the meeting or gathering. Public access will be limited to the meeting area. Upon completion of the meeting or gathering, City Hall will be closed, and guest will be required to leave.
- 3. The City Administrator and/or his designee shall have the authority to modify Section 2 as reasonably necessary.

Adopted this 8th day of July 2022.

VALPARAISO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Member

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Jerk-Treasur

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