

## **CITY OF ABBEVILLE**

### **Procedure for Participation in Open Meetings by those with ADA-Recognized Disabilities**

Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Session amended La. R. S. 42:17.2.1 and 42:14(E) to require public bodies to accommodate members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) such that those members of the public can participate during the open meetings.

The City of Abbeville, at this time, does not have the capability to enable remote access via teleconference or video conference. Therefore, the City of Abbeville will use the following procedures to enable participation in open meetings by those who qualify.

1. Disabled members of the public, that have a disability recognized by the ADA, can request remote participation accommodations.
2. Application must be made by the person seeking remote participation by filing with the City of Abbeville the document titled "Application for Members of the Public to Participate Remotely in Public Meetings and Medical Certification of Disability." If requested, these forms can be sent to applicant by email, regular mail, or can be picked up at City Hall.
3. Any qualifying applicant shall then be allowed to submit written comments prior to the meeting in which that applicant desires to participate. These comments shall be read prior to any action taken by the Council on the agenda item to which the comments pertain.