

# **TAMPA CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF VIRTUAL MEETING FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual meeting of the City Council of the City of Tampa, Florida, has been scheduled to conduct Tampa Comprehensive Plan public hearings, quasi-judicial hearings and other land-use matters as follows:

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Communications Media Technology (see below)  
Agenda: <https://tampagov.net/agendas>

This virtual meeting of the City Council will be held in accordance with declarations and provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders 20-69 and 20-193, as they may be further extended, and Emergency Rules of Procedure as adopted and amended by the City Council. It will be conducted by video teleconferencing, remote participation which is referred to by State of Florida statutes and rules as “communications media technology” (“CMT”).

The public and citizens of the City of Tampa will be able to watch, listen or view this meeting on:

**Cable TV:** Spectrum Channel 640  
Frontier Channel 15  
**Internet:** <https://www.tampagov.net/livestream>

***PLEASE NOTE:*** A virtual/CMT quasi-judicial hearing will be conducted only for those matters for which the Applicant and Property Owner have executed and timely submitted a Release, and Grant of Indemnification and Hold Harmless on the form provided by the City of Tampa.

**TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON A QUASI-JUDICIAL OR LEGISLATIVE MATTER:**

**Pre-registration for Applicants to Participate Via CMT during the meeting:**

Applicants must **pre-register to participate** in a virtual public hearing by completing an online registration form located at: <https://www.tampagov.net/quasi> or by calling 813-274-8397 by **no later than 5:00 PM two (2) business days prior to the hearing date (e.g. by 5:00 PM on a Tuesday if the hearing is scheduled for that Thursday; and by 5:00 PM on a Thursday if the hearing is scheduled for the following Monday)**. All requests must include the file number for the hearing in which you wish to participate.

**Pre-registration for Witnesses and Other Interested Parties to Participate Via CMT during the meeting:**

Witnesses and other interested parties must **pre-register to participate** in a virtual public hearing by completing an online registration form located at: <https://www.tampagov.net/quasi> or by calling 813-274-8397 by **no later than 5:00 PM one (1) business day prior to the hearing date (e.g. by 5:00 PM on a Wednesday if the hearing is scheduled for that Thursday; and by 5:00 PM on a Friday if the hearing is scheduled for the following Monday)**. All requests must include the file number for the hearing in which you wish to participate

**CMT Device Required in Order to Participate:**

In order to participate via CMT you must have access to a communications media device (such as a tablet or a computer equipped with a camera and microphone) that will enable you to be seen (video) and heard (audio) by the City Council and all other participants.

**For more information about the virtual Quasi-Judicial hearings, including schedules, a link to registrations forms, and detailed instructions on how to participate through the use of CMT, see: <https://www.tampagov.net/quasi>**

**Public Access to a CMT Device:** Those individuals who do not have access to a communications media device or are otherwise unable to participate via CMT, may utilize the communications media technology facilities that will be made available to the public by the City of Tampa, during the virtual public hearings, at:

The Tampa Convention Center  
333 S. Franklin Street, Tampa FL 33602 (Channel Entrance only).

Those who wish to participate by using a public CMT device provided at the Tampa Convention Center are asked to notify the city in advance by either pre-registering to participate in this manner by completing an online registration form or by calling 813-274-8397 **no later than 5:00 PM one (1) business day prior to the hearing date**. All requests must indicate that you will be using City of Tampa public CMT facilities, and include the file number (or property address) for the hearing in which you wish to participate

***PLEASE NOTE:*** *The members of the City Council will NOT be present at the Tampa Convention Center but will be participating in the virtual public hearings via CMT. Only testimony and evidence related to the hearings will be heard, not general public comment. Use of masks and social distancing inside the building are required.*

**SUBMISSION BY PARTICIPANTS OF EVIDENCE TO BE VIEWED DURING A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON A QUASI-JUDICIAL OR LEGISLATIVE MATTER:**

Any registered participant who wishes to show Power Point presentations, renderings, photos, and other such documents and evidence for viewing by the City Council and those watching the virtual public hearing, **may elect to either share their screen during the public hearing OR submit all such evidence by:**

- Submittal via e-mail to: [CouncilQuasiSubmissions@tampagov.net](mailto:CouncilQuasiSubmissions@tampagov.net);  
or
- Via U.S. Mail or physical delivery by deadline to:  
City Clerk  
315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602

**Applicants who elect to submit all evidence must do so by no later than 5:00 PM two (2) business days prior to the hearing date and all other participants must do so by no later than 5:00 PM one (1) business day prior to the hearing date.** All evidence submitted for viewing at the hearing must include the file number (or property address) for the hearing for which the evidence is to be considered. Applicants and all other participants who elect to submit evidence by sharing their screen at the time of the hearing must submit a complete electronic copy of all

documents presented during the public hearing to [CouncilQuasiSubmissions@tampagov.net](mailto:CouncilQuasiSubmissions@tampagov.net) within 24 hours of conclusion of the hearing.

**TO SEND COMMENTS IN ADVANCE VIA E-MAIL:**

You may e-mail public comments, factual petitions, letters and other documents to [CouncilQuasiBox@tampagov.net](mailto:CouncilQuasiBox@tampagov.net) (include your name, address and the file number or property address for the hearing about which you are commenting) **by no later than 5:00 PM two business days prior to the hearing date** in order for them to be included in the written record to be reviewed by the City Council.

Written comments received by mail or email will be distributed to the City Council, and will also be included in the record of the hearing. All testimony and evidence received timely by mail, email, voicemail and CMT will be afforded equal consideration as if the statements were made in person.

**Persons in need of assistance or having questions regarding any of these means of public participation should call the Office of the City Clerk (813) 274-8397.**

To check the status of the public hearing regarding any change to the manner in which the meeting is to be conducted, including the possibility of a physical location, or cancellation/ postponement, please contact the City Clerk's office at (813) 274-8397 or check the following webpage at least two days prior to the meeting: <https://tampagov.net/City-Council>.

Should any person desire to appeal any decision of the Tampa City Council with respect to any matter to be considered at this meeting, that person shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made including all testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be based ([F.S. 286.0105](#)).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing or meeting should contact the City of Tampa’s ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. The ADA Coordinator may be contacted via phone at 813-274-3964, email at [TampaADA@tampagov.net](mailto:TampaADA@tampagov.net), or by submitting an ADA - Accommodations Request form available online at [tampagov.net/ADARequest](https://tampagov.net/ADARequest).