

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-098**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE  
ADOPTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY REGARDING DISRUPTION OF  
TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 707 enacted new law on January 1, 2026, implementing changes to the Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950-54963), and amongst various changes and encouraged practices, establishes a requirement that eligible legislative bodies provide for remote public comment during public meetings commencing July 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Elk Grove meets the requirements of an eligible legislative body pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.4(e)(2)(A); and

**WHEREAS**, in providing opportunity for remote public comment, Government Code Section 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib) requires that on or before July 1, 2026, an eligible legislative body approve and adopt at a noticed public meeting in open session, not on the consent calendar, a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service that may occur during meetings to provide procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of disruption and the efforts that the eligible legislative body shall make to attempt to restore the service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a duly-noticed public meeting on May 13, 2026, and considered adoption of an administrative policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service occurring during meetings as a regular item, as required by law, to consider all of the information presented by staff and public testimony presented in writing and at the meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove does hereby adopt the City of Elk Grove Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings Administrative Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to meet the requirements of Government Code Section 54953.4(b)(1)(A)(i)(I)(ib) and provide for the orderly conduct of meetings.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026



BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR of the  
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JONATHAN P. HOBBS,  
CITY ATTORNEY

# EXHIBIT A

## Administrative Policy of the City of Elk Grove Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings

### I. Purpose

This policy establishes procedures to be followed when a disruption of telephonic or internet service occurs during a meeting of an eligible legislative body, as defined by Government Code section 54953.4(e)(2). The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with state law, preserve transparency, and balance the public's right to remote access with the body's responsibility to conduct public business.

### II. Authority

This policy is adopted pursuant to requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code sections 54950-54963) and specifically Government Code section 54953.4(b)(1)(A).

### III. Applicability

This policy applies to all regular, special, adjourned regular, and emergency meetings of the eligible legislative body at which telephonic or internet-based public access is provided.

### IV. Definitions

- **Eligible Legislative Body:** As defined by Government Code section 54953.4(e)(2).
- **Service Disruption:** An interruption or failure of telephonic or internet service that prevents or substantially impairs the public's ability to observe or participate in an open session of the meeting through remote access.
- **Open Session:** That portion of a meeting that is open and accessible to the public under the Brown Act.
- **Good Faith Effort:** Reasonable and diligent actions taken by the body or its staff to restore telephonic or internet service as promptly as practicable.

### V. Procedures Upon Service Disruption

#### A. Immediate Response

1. Upon becoming aware of a service disruption affecting public remote access, the presiding officer or designee shall announce the disruption on the record, if feasible.
2. The eligible legislative body shall recess the open session of the meeting for at least one (1) hour following the disruption, or until the telephonic or internet service is restored, whichever is earlier.

## B. Recess Period

1. During the recess, the eligible legislative body and/or its staff shall make a good faith effort to restore the disrupted telephonic or internet service.
2. Efforts may include, but are not limited to:
  - o Contacting the service provider or information technology staff;
  - o Troubleshooting equipment, software, or connectivity issues;
  - o Implementing backup systems or alternative access methods, if available;
  - o Providing public updates through available channels regarding the status of the disruption and anticipated reconvening time.

## C. Reconvening the Meeting

1. The open session of the meeting may resume when either:
  - o Telephonic or internet service has been restored; or
  - o One (1) hour has elapsed since the recess began, whichever occurs first.

## **VI. Actions Upon Resumption Without Restored Service**

If the eligible legislative body resumes the open session after one (1) hour and telephonic or internet service has not been restored:

1. The body shall adopt a finding by roll call vote stating that:
  - o A service disruption occurred;
  - o The body made good faith efforts to restore the telephonic or internet service in accordance with this policy; and
  - o The public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in providing remote public access.
2. The finding shall be entered into the meeting minutes.

## **VII. Public Notice and Documentation**

1. To the extent practicable, notice of the service disruption, recess, and reconvening shall be provided to the public using available communication channels.
2. Staff shall document:
  - o The nature and duration of the service disruption;
  - o The steps taken to restore service;
  - o The time the meeting was recessed and reconvened; and
  - o The roll call vote and findings adopted, if applicable.

## **VIII. Review and Updates**

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated by the City Council as necessary to remain consistent with state law and best practices for public access and meeting transparency.

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**CERTIFICATION**  
**ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-098**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO    )        ss  
CITY OF ELK GROVE            )

*I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on May 13, 2026 by the following vote:*

**AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS:        Singh-Allen, Suen, Brewer, Robles, Spease**

**NOES:           COUNCILMEMBERS:        None**

**ABSTAIN:       COUNCILMEMBERS:        None**

**ABSENT:        COUNCILMEMBERS:        None**



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**Jason Lindgren, City Clerk**  
**City of Elk Grove, California**