

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA REGARDING E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND OTHER BOARD MEETINGS; SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF SUCH DEVICES DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND OTHER BOARD MEETINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the use of portable electronic mail communication devices, such as Blackberrys, portable computers, personal digital assistants, and others, has proliferated within the United States, the State of Florida, and our community in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the advantages of instant, perpetually available communication are great, but can intrude upon the processes and discussions which occur in city commission meetings, and in meetings of city boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City provides city commissioners with portable computer equipment on which the meeting agendas and documents can be viewed during meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that no appearance of distraction is allowed to interfere with the public's perception of and confidence in the doing of the city's business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA that the city commissioners shall refrain from reading or sending electronic mail messages during city commission meeting sessions, except during recesses and responding to personal family matters. This rule of procedure shall similarly apply to the planning and zoning commission, the board of adjustment, and the code enforcement board. The chairs of other city boards or commissions may adopt this rule of procedure, at the chair's discretion.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held in City Hall, Winter Park, Florida, on this 9th day of June, 2008.



David C. Strong, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:



Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk