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SPONSORED BY: *Steven Stanganelli* **BILL No.** 2024.020
Steven Stanganelli, Councilor-at-Large

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An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5J: Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings

Summary:

This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5J: Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

That the City of Amesbury shall adopt changes to Rule 5 of the Order of Business of the Rules of Procedure for the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session as previously adopted in 2022-036 by adding Rule 5J – Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings

Rule 5J – Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings shall be inserted as follows:

In accordance with MGL Ch. 39, Section 23D and as adopted by City Council and established in Section 118-16 of the municipal code (Adjudicatory Hearings; Attendance; Voting Disqualification), if a member of Council misses a meeting for which a public hearing is held, and the hearing is continued to another meeting or meetings, the absent Councilor must fill out a form provided by the City Clerk that certifies that the absent Councilor has examined all evidence received at the missed session (including audio or video recordings or transcripts) in order to be able to vote on the final action of any proposed measure.

NOTE for Reference:

- This item has been requested by the former City Clerk
- This item received input from KP Law and the Administration (through Chief of Staff Casey) and reflects their input.