

CITY OF WESTMINSTER  
ORDINANCE NO. 2635

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING  
SECTION 2.04.075 (STUDY SESSIONS) OF THE  
WESTMINSTER MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2025, SB 707 was signed into law, changing open meeting and teleconferencing requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, SB 707 amended Government Code section 54953.8 to require a legislative body to provide either a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephonic service and live webcasting of the meeting that allows the public to remotely hear and visually observe a meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City must comply with the new requirements imposed by SB 707 by July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City's Municipal Code currently prohibits study sessions to be televised or videotaped; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to update its Municipal Code by deleting the words "such session shall not be televised or videotaped" to comply with the new provisions of State law established by SB 707.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amend 2.04.075. Section 2.04.075 (entitled "Study Sessions") of the Westminster Municipal Code is hereby amended to instead state:

"When the city council conducts a study session, such session shall be held in accordance with the law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Brown Act. A study session shall be a meeting of the city council wherein the city council takes no action regarding the items on the agenda for that session, provided however that the city council may take action at a study session on any item on the agenda which the city council determines is an emergency situation. An emergency situation shall be a set of circumstances which require immediate action and which cannot be delayed for either a special or regular meeting of the city council."

SECTION 2. Inconsistencies. Any provisions of the Westminster Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to the extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Environmental Compliance. Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Ordinance – SB 707

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the CEQA Guidelines because it is not a “project” and because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment, as this action is a purely administrative action.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any action, subsection, clause or phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of all other provisions of this ordinance. The City Council of Westminster hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance codified in this chapter, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase or portion thereof, even though any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Certification. The City Clerk certifies that the Mayor and City Council introduced and conducted first reading on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2026. The City Clerk further certifies that the Mayor and City Council at its Regular Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, conducted second reading, passed, and adopted Ordinance No. 2635 and shall affix their signature and City Seal and the same shall be entered into the Book of Ordinances.

SECTION 6. Attest. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Ordinance. The City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within 15 days after its adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days from its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

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CHI CHARLIE NGUYEN  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SANDRA MEDINA  
INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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SCOTT PORTER  
CITY ATTORNEY

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

**CERTIFICATION  
OF  
ORDINANCE**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) ss.  
CITY OF WESTMINSTER )

I, Christine Cordon, CMC, City Manager/Acting City Clerk of the City of Westminster, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2635 was introduced for first reading on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2026, and duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Westminster at a Regular Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, with the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Sandra Medina, Interim City Clerk

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