# VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 2022

# A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, PLANNING BOARD, AND ALL COMMITTEES OR SUBCOMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming

Grove adding a new chapter to the Village Code to read as follows:

### Chapter 44

#### **MEETINGS**

# § 44-1. Videoconferencing

As authorized by the newly enacted §103-a of the New York Public Officers Law, meetings of the Board of Trustees, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and all other boards and committees of the Village may use videoconferencing to conduct its meetings, provided that all requirements of Public Officers Law §103-a are met.

## Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give the Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, and all committees or subcommittees of the Village of South Blooming Grove, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Village's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

#### Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a which expressly authorizes the Village Board to adopt a local law giving the Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, and all committees or subcommittees of the Village of South Blooming Grove the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the applicable body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

#### Section 3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

The Village Board authorizes members of the Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, and all committees or subcommittees of the Village of South Blooming Grove to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the Village's videoconferencing policy adopted by the Village Board.

# Section 4. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of South Blooming Grove shall remain in full force and effect.

#### Section 5. Severability

The provisions of this Local Law are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any

person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

#### Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.