

STATE OF TEXAS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 3, ETHICS POLICY, TO CHANGE THE DATE REQUIRED FOR ETHICS COMMISSION MEETINGS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PREPARE THIS ORDINANCE FOR SUBMISSION AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the current ethics ordinance the ethics commission (the "Commission") is required to meet annually in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, since the ethics ordinance was codified the City's council member elections have moved to the uniform election date in November; and

WHEREAS, each council member gets to appoint one member to the Commission therefore after each council member election it is possible that new members will be appointed; and

WHEREAS, moving the date for the Commission to elect officers close to the current election date is more in line with the intent of the original ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, at their regular meeting the Commission recommended that the City Council move the annual meeting from June to within 90 days of the uniform election date wherein new council members are elected; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2022 Ordinance No. 2022-060 replaced the requirement to meet in June from Section One, (5), but did not replace the June meeting requirement from Section One (4).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:

SECTION ONE. The Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV, Officers and Employees, Division 3, Ethics Policy, Section 2-160.1, Creation of ethics commission, , is amended as follows (underlining indicates added text, ~~striketrough~~ indicates deleted text):

- (1) *Created.* An ethics commission shall be created and consist of nine members. After taking office, each member of the city council will appoint a resident of that councilmember's district to the commission, and that individual's term in office will run concurrent with the term of the city councilmember who made the appointment. Members of the commission may not hold, or be a candidate for, any city elected or appointed office at the time of their service on the commission.
- (2) *Commission vacancies.* All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms by the councilmember for whose district the member was appointed. Members shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and shall continue to hold office after their successors have been appointed for the limited purpose of disposing of all complaints filed and unresolved during the member's term. No member may participate in a decision regarding a complaint initiated prior to their appointment.
- (3) *Removal of commission members.* In addition to the city council's usual powers of removal, members of the commission may be removed by a majority vote of the city council for cause.

- (4) *Officers/quorum.* The commission shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary at its ~~June~~ annual meeting held within 90 days of the uniform election date wherein new council members are elected. The vice chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson or in the event of a vacancy in that position. The officers shall serve one-year terms. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
- (5) *Meetings.* The commission shall meet when necessary to carry out its responsibilities, but in any event the commission shall hold a meeting within 90 days of the uniform election date wherein new council members are elected to elect officers. The chairperson or three members may call a meeting provided that reasonable notice is given to each member. Notice of all commission meetings shall be posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

PART TWO. All ordinances and resolution or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

PART THREE. This ordinance shall be effective upon ten (10) days following passage on second reading.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the first reading this 19th day of November, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the second reading this 3rd day of December, 2024.

DONNA DODGEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Secretary