
Sec. 2-160.1. Creation of ethics commission.

- (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. 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.

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