

ORDINANCE No. 2014 -10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 1.15.501 "CREATION OF ETHICS COMMISSION" OF THE "ETHICS ORDINANCE" IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BASTROP; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about January 10, 2012, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas adopted a Code of Ethics, for officials and employees of the City of Bastrop, and

WHEREAS, on or about March 2012, in compliance with Section 1.15.501, entitled "Creation of Ethics Commission," the City Council appointed the Honorable Chris Duggan, the Reverend Lisa Hines, and Corporal Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij, to serve as the three members of the Ethics Commission, and

WHEREAS, on or about February 25, 2014, the Ethics Commissioners met to evaluate and consider a potential amendment to the Ethics Code, related to Section 1.15.501, *et seq.* and has, after careful study and review, recommended to the Council the clarifying changes to the Ethics Code noted herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP THAT:

Part 1. That Section 1.15.501 "Creation of Ethics Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows.

Section 1.15.501 "Creation of Ethics Commission"

- a. An Ethics Commission shall be created and consist of three (3) members, all of whom must reside within jurisdiction of the City, which for purposes of this Ordinance expressly includes the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Within sixty (60) days of its adoption of this Ordinance, each member of the City Council will submit to the City Attorney names of recommended appointees. The City attorney will provide the recommended appointees to the Mayor, who will then appoint the three (3) members of the Ethics Commission, upon concurrence of the members of the City Council.

Part 2: All other provisions of the Bastrop Code of Ethics shall remain in full force and effect.

Part 3: This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Bastrop, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances, except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any in such other ordinance or ordinances are superseded.

Part 4: If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Part 5: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING ON THIS 8 DAY OF July, 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING ON THE 22 DAY OF July, 2014.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Mayor Ken Kesselus



Elizabeth Lopez, City Secretary