

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-30A

JAMES ROBERT CROUCH

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE A COMPLAINT
WITH THE BASTROP BOARD OF ETHICS ON BEHALF
OF THE CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE CONDUCT
OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES ROBERT CROUCH**

- WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Bastrop strives to foster an environment of integrity for those that serve the city and our citizenry; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council enacted a Code of Ethics to increase public confidence in our municipal government and in furtherance of a policy that all city officials and employees shall conduct themselves in a manner that assures the public that we are faithful stewards of the public trust; and
- WHEREAS,** under the Code of Ethics, City Officials have a responsibility to the citizens to administer and enforce the City Charter and City ordinances in an ethical manner; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council is aware that the Code of Ethics, specifically Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Section 1.15.009(d)(1) [Prohibitions- Representation of others], forbids city officials from representing any person, group, or entity before the city; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council is aware that the Code of Ethics, specifically Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Section 1.15.009(e) [Improper Influence], forbids city officials from using their official position to secure special privileges or benefits for such person or others; granting any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is normally available to every other citizen; asserting the prestige of the official's city position for the purpose of advancing private interests; stating or implying that they are able to influence city action on any basis other than the merits; and
- WHEREAS,** having reviewed specific public documents on file at City Hall, the City Council has obtained firsthand knowledge of certain actions of City Council Member James Robert Crouch done in furtherance of his representation of private persons in their dealings with the City of Bastrop and engaged in improper influence regarding construction at 906 Pine Street and 709 Spring Street; and
- WHEREAS,** having previously conferred with Mr. Crouch about his behavior, the City Council now finds it to be reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest to refer this matter to the Board of Ethics for deliberations and possible

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop:

Section 1: The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit a Complaint to the Board of Ethics on behalf of the City Council raising certain allegations regarding the conduct of Mr. Crouch in accordance with this Resolution.

Section 2: The meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, TX, on this, the 22nd day of March, 2022.

APPROVED:


Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney