

CITY OF BASTROP, TX
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

ATTENDANCE & RESIDENCY FOR ADVISORY BODIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE 1.04, RELATED TO THE ATTENDANCE AND RESIDENCY OF MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BODIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE, PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop has the authority to create advisory bodies such as boards, committees, commissions, and task forces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it reasonable to require that city staff annually verify the attendance and residency of members of advisory bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the attached amendments reasonable and necessary.

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

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. AMENDMENT

Chapter 1, Article 1.04, Section 1.04.002 of the City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, and after such amendment, shall read in accordance with *Attachment "A"*, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Any underlined text shall be inserted into the Code and any struck-through text shall be deleted from the Code, as stated on *Attachment A*.

3. REPEALER

To the extent reasonably possible, ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, all ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

4. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of final passage noted below, or when all applicable publication requirements, if any, are satisfied in accordance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of the State of Texas.

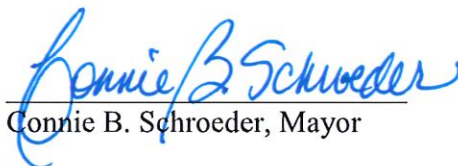
7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance 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 Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.


READ & ACKNOWLEDGED on First Reading on this, the 14th day of February 2023.

READ & APPROVED on the Second Reading on this, the 28th day of February 2023.


APPROVED:

by: 
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney

Bastrop Code of Ordinances

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1.04: Boards, Committees and Commissions

Sec. 1.04.002 Membership, terms.

Unless otherwise controlled and mandated by state or federal law and/or City Charter, the following overarching provisions shall apply to the city's boards, commissions, task forces, committees and advisory bodies ("board(s)," "body" or "advisory bodies"):

- (1) Board members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Council, for terms of three (3) years. No board member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on a particular advisory body. An individual that has previously served two (2) consecutive terms on a particular advisory body, must wait one full year before being reappointed to the same advisory body. The Mayor, upon a finding of good cause, has the authority to waive this one-year waiting period.
- (2) All city advisory bodies shall consist of seven (7) members and each seat shall be assigned a "place."
- (3) Advisory body members' terms of service shall be "staggered" three-year terms, so that the entire membership of the board will not be subject to replacement at any single point in time. If necessary, to establish initial staggering of the membership Place 1 and Place 2 shall initially serve a three-year term, Place 3 and Place 4 shall initially serve a two-year term, and Place 5, Place 6 and Place 7 shall initially serve one-year terms.
- (4) In the event of a vacancy, an individual appointed to fill the vacant place will serve only the remaining term of the individual who is being replaced by the appointee, so that the staggering of terms shall remain intact.
- (5) All advisory body members shall reside within the city limits or the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). No more than two (2) members of a particular advisory body can be from the ETJ. Upon a showing of good cause, the Mayor may waive the residency requirement.
 - (a) The City Secretary shall send out notice to all members each March to verify residency and attendance requirements and upon such findings, present to the Mayor and City Council, those members who no longer qualify to serve.
- (6) Each advisory body will have a City Council Member assigned as Council Liaison. This will facilitate the transfer of information from the advisory bodies to the City Council.