ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE

CITY COUNCIL OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE SECTION 1.02.002(d)(2) RELATED TO DATES FOR UNIFORM TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop, Texas, ("City"), is a Home Rule municipality incorporated and operating under the Laws of the State of Texas and, accordingly, it has been granted full legal authority to enact regulations to further the public health, safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority noted above, the City Council has determined that, unless otherwise mandated by applicable State law, it is in the best interest of the City for its various boards, commissions, task forces, committees, and advisory bodies to have bi-annual access to training related to their attendance at meetings, duties on their specific boards and commissions, open government, ethics regulations and applicable city regulations and policies at times deems advantageous and appropriate by the City Manager.

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

<u>Part 1</u>. Sec. 1.02.002(d) "Uniform Training" shall be amended as follows:

- (d) <u>Uniform training</u>.
 - (1) (No Change)
 - (2) The city shall conduct the above-referenced training sessions twice a year, at dates that the City Manager determines to be best for the various members of the City's Boards, Commissions and advisory bodies. Members are required to attend as quickly as possible after appointment, but in no event shall new appointment fail to attend within one year of their initial appointment. In addition, all Board members are required to complete online Open Government training (open meetings and public information) within thirty (30) days of appointment. The city staff member or Department Director assigned as the City's liaison to each body is responsible for notifying the City Manager if any member has failed to attend the required training within a year of the member's appointment and/or to complete the State's required online training within thirty (30) days of appointment. The City Manager will report, periodically to the Council concerning the status of Board training and attendance by members at

same. Members who have failed to attend the City training or to obtain the online open government training required by State law, within the time frames set forth herein, shall be suspended from service on their appointed boards and commissions until such time as they demonstrate to the City Secretary that all required training has been successfully completed.

<u>Part 2</u>: All other provisions of the City's Code or Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

<u>Part 3</u>: 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.

<u>Part 4</u>: If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be 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.

<u>Part 5</u>: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Bastrop.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING ON THIS 9th, DAY OF JUNE 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND READING ON THE 23RD. DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

APPROVED:

Mayor Ken Kesselus

ATTEST:

Fraci Chavez Interim City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jo-Christy Brown.

City Attorney