CITY OF BASTROP

RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING CERTAIN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND POLICIES REGARDING CITY COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

- WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop (City Council) has a shared interest in promoting efficient, effective, and transparent governance; and
- **WHEREAS**, the election of Mayor Ishmael Harris in 2025 provides an opportunity to review and revise policies and practices; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 551.007 and 551.023 of the Texas Government Code and Section 3.13 of the City's Charter, the City Council has the authority to determine its own rules of procedure and order of business; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 51 of the Texas Government Code and Section 1.02 of the City's Home Rule Charter, the City Council has the authority to establish policies for the good government of the City of Bastrop; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council finds it reasonable and prudent to amend certain rules and policies to restore the Mayor's traditional roles and responsibilities, while establishing clear guidelines for shared resources;

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

Section 1: The City Council hereby approves the following amendments to the Rules of Procedure:

1. Article 4. Agenda Order.

The Mayor and the City Manager, or an appropriate designee, shall prepare an agenda and cause the same to be posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Agendas and packet material shall be delivered to the City Council via electronic format uploaded into a cloud storage service. City Council shall be notified via email that the agenda and packet have been uploaded and available for review. The goal is to upload the agenda and packet on Thursday prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting. In the event of an emergency meeting of the

City Council, this provision shall be suspended when not inconsistent with the provisions of federal or state law or the City Charter.

In order to facilitate the agenda process, the Mayor and one council member, two Council Members, or the City Manager may place an item on the agenda. Staff assistance, if required, should be requested through the City Manager (City Charter, Article III, Section 3.05 Prohibitions). Agenda items must be provided to the City Manager's Office at City Hall by 12:00 noon on the 7th calendar day preceding the date of the regular meeting. If the agenda topic does not allow for staff to adequately prepare information for Council's consideration, the item may be postponed until the next regular meeting.

2. Article 4 Agenda Order

4.4 Presentations. Presentations may be made by the Mayor, City Council, or Staff. The Mayor may deliver any proclamation as may be required from time to time. Proclamations shall be read by the City Secretary and signed by the City Manager. All City Council Members will be afforded the opportunity to pose for a group photography for the proclamation. Outside entities and organizations granted permission to make a presentation shall be placed in this section.

- Section 2: Conflicts with Prior Resolutions: Any prior resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3: The meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

DULY RESOLVED & ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, on this, the 24th day of June 2025.

APPROVED:

Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Muscarello, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.