

**CITY OF BASTROP**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-113**

**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 to align with standard municipal 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 establishes the following policies regarding City Council and the Office of Mayor:

**1. Expenses for Official Business Trips**

The Mayor may seek approval for the reimbursement of actual expenses, advanced expenses, or per diem for official business trips, provided the cumulative amount of yearly spending is within the amount approved by council.

**2. City Funds for Mayor's Attendance at Events**

The Mayor may expend city funds for attendance at any event, function, or convention without prior approval of the City Council, provided the

cumulative amount of yearly spending is within the amount approved by council.

**3. Council Office Space**

All City Council members, including the Mayor, may utilize the council executive conference room as a shared office space up to 4 hours per week. The space will continue to be used for executive session and be configured as a conference room.

**4. Speaking Roles at City Functions**

City Staff may schedule the Mayor to speak at city or city-sponsored events as mayoral availability and desire provides.

**5. City Hall Badge Security Access**

All City Council Members, including the Mayor, shall have identical badge security access to City Hall, which will not include secure areas outside of the Executive Conference Room.

**6. Appointment to Internal or External Boards**

The Mayor may serve on any internal or external boards, commissions, committees, or task forces as appointed by council.

**7. Legislative Advocacy**

The "Legislative Advocacy" paragraph of R-2024-49 is hereby repealed. The Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Manager, and City Attorney may serve as spokespersons and advocate the city consistent with positions established by the City Council.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

APPROVED:



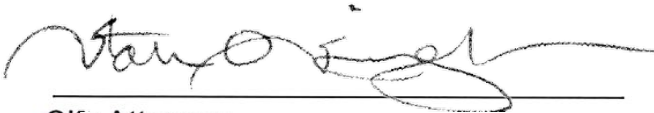
Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael Muscarello, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

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