

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-M-28**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF SCHERTZ AUTHORIZING AND AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Schertz has previously adopted Rules of Conduct and Procedure for the conduct of meetings of the City Council 19-M-28; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed the following changes at their meeting of July 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to amend, update, and clarify the Rules of Conduct and Procedure as they relate to the placement of Ordinances on final reading.

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

Section 1. That the City Council's Rules of Conduct and Procedure are amended as follows:

**Article 7 Consideration of Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions**

7.6 Ordinances – Two Readings; Emergencies. Ordinances introduced at a Council meeting shall not be finally acted upon until at least the next regular meeting, except that immediate action may be taken upon an emergency as determined by the Council in accordance with the Charter or State law. **Ordinances that do not receive a unanimous vote on first reading shall be placed on the discussion portion of the next agenda.**

Section 2. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section 3. All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of

such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of final adoption hereof and any publication required by law.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON FINAL READING, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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Mayor, Ralph Gutierrez

ATTEST:

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City Secretary, Brenda Dennis

(Seal of City)