

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, ARTICLE 1.03 “MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL”, DIVISION 2 “MAYOR”, SECTION. 1.03.032 – “COMPENSATION” AND SECTION. 1.03.033 “EXPENSE ACCOUNT”; DIVISION 3 “CITY COUNCIL”, SECTION 1.03.061 “COMPOSITION; MEETINGS”, SECTION 1.03.062 “COMPENSATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS” TO UPDATE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY OF BASTROP HOME RULE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, ADOPTION, ENFORCEMENT, REPEALER, AND SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENSURES PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, a Home Rule Charter amendment election was duly called and held on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a canvass of the election results was provided to the City Council at the November 12, 2024 City Council Meeting with an updated Ordinance presented for first reading on December 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, upon review and comparison of the Home Rule Charter with the Code of Ordinances, several sections were not in compliance and had not been updated since 1994; and

WHEREAS, to avoid confusion, staff has recommended and prepared an ordinance to include the same wording in both the Home Rule Charter and the Code of Ordinances.

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

SECTION 1. Finding of Fact: The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. Amendment:

That the City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 “General Provisions”, Article 1.03 “Mayor & City Council”, Division 2 “Mayor” shall be amended as follows:

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Section. 1.03.032 - Compensation.

The mayor shall receive a monthly salary of \$100 per month as outlined in the Home Rule Charter.

Section. 1.03.033 - Expense account.

As outlined in the Home Rule Charter, ~~W~~ while on official business trips for the city, the mayor shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, advanced expenses and/or provided a daily per diem rate as established by the City Council adopted Rules and Procedures.

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SECTION 3. Amendment:

That the City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 “General Provisions”, Article 1.03 “Mayor & City Council”, Division 3 “City Council” shall be amended as follows:

Section 1.03.061 - Composition; meetings.

- (a) In compliance with Home Rule Charter, ~~the~~ the City Council shall be composed of a mayor and five (5) Councilmembers and shall meet regularly and at least once each month hold two (2) regular monthly meetings each month. The Council may hold as many additional, special meetings during the month as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of the City. Such special meetings may be called as necessary upon written notice to the City Secretary by the Mayor or by any three of the other members of the Council.
- (b) All meetings, regular or special, shall be held at the City Hall, except if another location is designated by the Council, pursuant to public notification, as required by the Charter and by state law.
- (c) The City Council by Resolution or adopted rules and procedures shall set the number, date, hour, and location of the regular meetings. ~~The first meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month and the second meeting shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Council chamber at such hour as the Council by resolution may direct.~~ Called meetings shall be held at such times as the interests of the city may require.

Section 1.03.062 - Compensation of Councilmembers.

Every Councilmember shall receive monthly compensation ~~in the amount of \$30 per month as outlined in the Home Rule Charter.~~

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Section. 1.03.065 - Expense account.

As outlined in the Home Rule Charter, while on official business trips for the city, the city council shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, advanced expenses and/or provided a daily per diem rate as established by the City Council adopted Rules and Procedures.

Secs. 1.03.065 1.03.066 —1.03.090 – Reserved for future use

SECTION 4. Severability: If any clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portion of the Ordinance, which shall continue to have full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repeal. This Ordinance shall be and is hereby cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Bastrop, Texas, 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 Ordinances, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its final passage and publication in accordance with the requirements of the City of Bastrop and the laws of the State of Texas.

READ & ACKNOWLEDGED on first reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, on this, the 10th day of DECEMBER 2024.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on second and final reading by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, on this, the 14th day of JANUARY 2025.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Secretary

City Attorney