



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No.2023-19 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, requiring members of the Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Historic Landmark Commission to resign their seat when running for other elected office.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Section 3.06 Vacancies, Forfeiture of Office, and Filling of Vacancies states that a council member who is running for elected office must resign their position on the city council upon filing for that office. This is often known as “resign to run”. This item does not apply to boards and commissions who are subject to the ethics ordinance.

Members on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Historic Landmark Commission are particularly susceptible to a perceived conflict of interest when running and fundraising for elected office when contributions from interested parties may also be presented as a case before the body.

This item seeks to remove any perceived conflict of interest that may be present.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the resolution as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Text Amendment
2. Ordinance