

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FOCUSED ADVOCACY TO OFFER FULL SERVICE LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY CONSULTING SERVICES AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop City Council understands the variety of lodging options available in Texas is as diverse as the Lone Star State itself, ranging from traditional hotels and motels to trendy treehouses and tiny houses. But no matter the differences in these accommodations, they all have one thing in common: they are all subject to Texas' State Hotel Occupancy Tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop in addition, to other cities and counties in Texas can levy a Local Hotel Occupancy Tax. Both taxes are commonly referred to as HOT, additionally the purpose of the local hotel occupancy tax is to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bastrop understands State hotel occupancy tax applies to charges of \$15 or more per day for sleeping accommodations, meeting rooms and banquet rooms in a hotel or motel. The tax also applies to lodging at bed and breakfasts, condominiums, apartments and houses rented for less than 30 consecutive days. The state hotel tax rate is 6 percent and an opportunity for a rebate in that amount has potential to drive additional economic development; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bastrop finds Focused Advocacy to be subject matter experts in the area of Full Service Legislative & Regulatory Consulting Services.

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

Section 1. The findings set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement as shown in Exhibit A. with Focused Advocacy in the amount of Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents \$ 8,333.33 per month plus potential \$350.00 expense for a term of twenty-four months to provide Full Service Legislative & Regulatory Consulting Services.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is duly resolved.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 13th day of December 2022.

APPROVED:

Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney