

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Section 1.02.005 regarding termination of inactive campaign treasurer appointment; providing for repealer and severability; establishing an effective date; proper notice and meeting; and move to include on the February 28, 2023, consent agenda for a second reading.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Ann Franklin, City Secretary

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Candidates for the City of Bastrop Mayor and City Council places are required to file an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form with the City Secretary before they are allowed to file an Application for a Place on the Ballot. The candidate is responsible for filing a final report to cause the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form to become inactive. The Office of the City Secretary is in possession of several Appointment of Campaign Treasurer forms which are considered active due to the failure of a candidate filing a final report. The Election Code gives the governing body the authority to approve a process to allow the City Secretary the ability to terminate the forms.

Section 252.0131 of the Texas Election Code authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision by ordinance or order to adopt a process by which the city secretary of the political subdivision may terminate the campaign treasurer appointment of an inactive candidate or political committee that is required to file a campaign treasurer appointment with the secretary; and

RECOMMENDATION:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary recommends approval of the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Section 1.02.005 regarding termination of inactive campaign treasurer appointment; providing for repealer and severability; establishing an effective date; proper notice and meeting; and move to include on the February 28, 2023, consent agenda for a second reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution