

City of Burnet City Council



Item Brief

Meeting Date

September 9, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2025-41: D. Vaughn

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF BURNET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 (ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION") BY AMENDING SECTION 2-43 (ENTITLED "MEETINGS") AND SECTION 2-28 (ENTITLED "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION"); PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500; PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Information

The City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining open meetings that encourage meaningful public participation while ensuring order, fairness, and compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Currently, the City's Code of Ordinances does not contain a comprehensive section addressing public participation and rules of decorum.

This ordinance adopts a new Section 2-28, Public Participation, which establishes clear rules for citizen comment periods, public hearings, speaker time limits, sign-up requirements, and decorum standards for meetings of the City Council.

Additionally, Section 2-43, Meetings of appointed bodies, is amended to cross-reference the new Section 2-28 to ensure that the same public participation rules apply to appointed bodies.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of this ordinance.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2025-41 as presented.