

ORDINANCE No. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO APPOINTED OFFICERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council has the responsibility of overseeing or delegating the appointment of all staff who are employed by the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Texas has determined that the following section of the current Code of Ordinances should be amended.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. AMENDMENTS:

The findings set forth below are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance; with deletions struck through and additions in red italics:

CHAPTER 2; SECTION 21 – Appointive Officers

The appointive officers of the city shall be a city secretary, ~~who may be an employee of the city at the time of appointment, and which officer shall also be ex officio clerk of the municipal court;~~ *a municipal judge; a city administrator;* a city attorney; a chief of police, and such other officers as the city council may deem necessary; and may prescribe the duties and compensation of such officers.

Section 2. ADDENDUM:

All items affected by this amendment shall be renumbered accordingly, to accommodate additions or deletions listed above.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE:

Any provision of any prior ordinance of the City whether codified or uncoded, which are in conflict with any provisions of the Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict, but all other provisions of the ordinances of the City whether codified or uncoded, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 10 day of August, 2026

Greg Ostertag, Mayor

Attest:

Angie Pike, City Secretary