

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: April 20, 2026

Topic:

Consideration of and action on Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2026-09, Repealing and Replacing Article I In General, Article II City Council Division 1, and Article III Division 5 Code of Ethics of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances, Designated; Providing for Severability, Making Findings of Fact; Providing for Penalty Clauses; and Providing for Other Related Matters.

Background:

Staff was directed to update the Code of Ethics, originally adopted in 1993, to keep it current, clear, and aligned with best practices in governance, accountability, and transparency. A draft policy was presented for review at the April 21, 2025 Council meeting, and feedback was requested from Council members.

On June 2, 2025, an ordinance was introduced on first reading, outlining proposed revisions to the City of Tomball's ethics rules and procedures. After further review, staff determined the legislative intent was to repeal and replace specific articles and sections in Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, not the entire chapter. On January 5, 2026 staff and City Council restarted the process to revise the Code of Ethics. During the February 16, 2026 meeting, Council directed staff to include censure procedures in the Code of Ethics.

The first reading was presented on April 6, 2026 and passed unanimously by City Council.

Origination: Thomas Harris III

Recommendation:

Approve Ordinance No. 2026-09 on second reading.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: David Esquivel, PE, Thomas Harris III, Shannon Bennett, and Loren Smith

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

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Staff Member Date City Manager Date