

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-51, ENTITLED "RULES OF DISCLOSURE", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TO REQUIRE THAT ANY PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 145 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ARE POSTED ONLINE, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to AMEND Section 2-51 of the League City Code of Ordinances to read as follows (additions, ~~deletions~~):

Sec. 2-51. Rules of disclosure.

- (a) A candidate for office or current officeholder seeking re-election on the city council of the City of League City, Texas, whether opposed or unopposed, shall, in addition to any other campaign finance disclosures required by the Texas Election Code, file with the office of the city secretary of the City of League City on or before 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday immediately preceding the regular election date, or in the case of a runoff election, on or before 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday immediately preceding the runoff election date, a complete written disclosure of all campaign contributions received by the candidate or officeholder during the contribution cycle which corresponds to such election date or runoff election date. For the purposes of a regular election date, the term "contribution cycle" shall have the meaning affixed under subsection 2-52(a)(1)a. below. For the purposes of a runoff election date, the term "contribution cycle" shall have the meaning affixed under subsection 2-52(a)(1)b. below.
- (b) The reports required by subsection (a) above shall include only such contributions which are not otherwise disclosed in a campaign finance disclosure required by the Texas Election Code and will describe, on forms to be made available by the city secretary, the amount of each contribution or the value and nature of any in-kind contribution, as well as the name and address of the individual or political committee making the contribution, and the date of the contribution.
- (c) Upon receipt of such reports, the city secretary shall ensure that the reports are posted on the city's website on or before 12:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the regular election date, or in the case of a runoff election, on or before 12:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the runoff election date.
- (d) In addition to the reports outlined above, the city secretary shall, within 24 hours of their respective receipt, post on the city's website full and complete copies of all campaign finance reports required to be filed by candidates or officeholders with the city secretary under the Texas Election Code, as well as any personal financial statements filed pursuant to Chapter 145 of the Texas Local Government Code.
- (e) In addition to the reports required above, a candidate for office, including a current officeholder seeking re-election, on the city council of the City of League City, Texas, shall file with the office of the city secretary, within 30 days of becoming a candidate, a report that discloses the candidate's:

- (1) Work history for the preceding 25 years or since age 21, whichever is shorter, detailing each place of employment, a description of each position held, and that position's responsibilities;
 - (2) Educational background, including all institutions of higher education attended and any degrees obtained therefrom;
 - (3) Holding of licenses or certifications to engage in a particular profession, trade, or craft;
 - (4) Convictions for any crime of moral turpitude or any offense higher than a class C misdemeanor, along with the candidate's date of birth and driver's license number; and
 - (5) Three professional references.
- (f) All members of the city council in office at the time of adoption of subsection (e) shall file the reports required herein within 30 days of said adoption. All members of the city council shall have the duty to update the reports required by subsection (e) within 30 days of any change to the information previously disclosed.
- (g) The city secretary shall forward a copy of all reports filed pursuant to subsection (e) to the city attorney, who shall verify or cause to be verified the criminal record of each person who filed a report. Any information contained in the reports that is confidential under any law shall not be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, and any public request for such confidential information shall be sent to the office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for a determination of the city's obligation to disclose.
- (h) The failure of a person to file or update the report required in subsection (e) shall not render the person ineligible to hold any elective office nor subject the person to any penalties or sanctions, except the city secretary shall maintain for public inspection a list of all persons who have failed to file a report required by subsection (e).

Section 2. Savings. All rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Codification. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City's official Code of Ordinances as provided hereinabove.

Section 6. Publication and Effective Date. The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of League City, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2023.

NICK LONG
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney