

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED *ADMINISTRATION*, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-388 OF ARTICLE VIII THEREOF RELATING TO MEETINGS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND NAMING OF 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 by the amendment of Section 2-388 therein, which shall read as follows:

“Section 2-381. **Opportunity for Public Comment.**

- (a) Each agenda of the boards and commissions shall provide an opportunity for the public to provide comment during the meeting.
- (b) The privilege of speaking shall be limited to city residents, persons having an ownership interest in property or a business located within the City.
- (c) The Chair of the board or commission may allow no more than 3 minutes for each person wishing to speak and there will be no yielding of time to another person.
- (d) The members of the board or commission are prohibited from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted.
- (e) The Chair of the board or commission shall prohibit any public speaker from making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language.
- (f) Recognizing the need to balance the opportunity for public comment with the need to execute the agenda in a timely manner, the Chair of the board or commission reserves the right to close or move on from the public comment portion of the agenda.

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 All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.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. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED second reading the ____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Pat Hallisey
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana M. Stapp
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nghiem V. Doan
City Attorney