

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS TO RESTRICT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
FROM ENGAGING IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
DURING ANY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the intent and purpose of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) is to ensure that deliberation of public business by a governmental body occurs in a meeting subject to public scrutiny; and

WHEREAS, a communication by a member of the City Council made during a Council meeting by means of any type of portable electronic device can have the effect or appearance of avoiding public scrutiny of deliberation; NOW, THEREFORE

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

Section 1. No member of the City Council may engage in any communication with anyone by means of any type of portable electronic device, including without limitation electronic mail, messages sent using Short Message Service (SMS) or Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS), microblog (i.e. Twitter), or any instant messaging application that offers real-time text transmission over the Internet, while in attendance at any meeting of the City Council.

Section 2. All resolutions and agreements and parts of resolution and agreements in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict only.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED the ____ day of _____, 2017.

PAT HALLISEY
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney