



Legislation Text

File #: 14-0078, **Version:** 1

Consider and take action on an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City entitled "Appointment and/or Removal of Members to Boards, Commissions and Committees" (Council Member Bentley and Council Member Kinsey)

Council tabled to January 14, 2014 8-0-0 on December 17, 2013.

Council postponed to February 11, 2014 8-0-0 on January 14, 2014.

If approved, this ordinance will amend Sections 2-383, 2-384, 2-389 and 2-395 of the City code to institute additional qualifications and requirements for applicants and appointees to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Section 4B Industrial Development Corporation, Finance Committee and Ethics Review Board. The ordinance would also expand the methods mandated for use by the City in recruiting applicants for board, commission or committee service, restrict appointees to the above-named boards from serving on more than one of such boards, and set fourth requirements for the recording of their proceedings.

Specifically, the ordinance would amend the code at Section 2-383 to disqualify any person from appointment or reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Section 4B Industrial Development Corporation or Finance Committee if such person has been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude. Further, conviction of a felony, a crime of moral turpitude or offense categorized as a Class B misdemeanor or higher would render a person ineligible for appointment or reappointment to service on the Ethics Review Board.

In addition, the ordinance would amend Section 2-384 of the City code to specify that electronic media (for instance, Twitter, Facebook and the City's website) will be used to advertise opportunities for board service. It would also mandate that the Council will consider the mayor's appointments to any of the five boards/commissions/committees listed above on an individual basis, rather than confirming them in groups or clusters of any sort. Further, the item would require persons seeking appointment or reappointment to any of the five boards/commissions/committees listed above to provide, along with the standard City application for board service, a detailed resume to include a complete work history, descriptions of positions held and job responsibilities, educational background and professional certifications, and a minimum of three professional references. The revisions would further require that such persons be disclosed to members of City Council at least two weeks prior to a vote on their appointment. Additionally, new provisions are included which will restrict members of these specific boards from serving on more than one of such boards, and would prevent an individual from serving on a charter review committee while serving on any other City board, committee or commission. Finally, the proposed ordinance would also implement requirements for the audio recording and/or videotaping of various boards' proceedings.

FUNDING

{ X } NOT APPLICABLE

{ } Funds are available from Account # _____

{ } Requires Budget Amendment to transfer from Account # _____ to Account # _____