

## ORDINANCE NO. 2024 -

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, BY REPEALING DIVISION 3 – SAFE CITY COMMISSION, SEC. 2-86 THROUGH 2-90 OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The ordinance establishing the Safe City Commission was established in 1961, is outdated, and has not met for over 25 years and needs to be repealed; and

WHEREAS, city staff is attempting to clean up the Code of Ordinances by repealing outdated ordinances when the opportunity arises; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBRAUNFELS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: That the code of Ordinances be amended by repealing Division 3 Safe City Commission Sec.2-86 through 2-90 as indicated below.

### DIVISION 3. SAFE CITY COMMISSION

#### **Sec. 2.86 – Created: purpose.**

There is hereby created a safe city commission. The purposes of the safe city commission are to advise the city council on matters pertaining to the reduction of crime, to assist the city police department and other law enforcement agencies in successfully reducing crime in the city, and to make recommendations, develop and assist in the implementation of effective crime prevention and drug awareness programs. The safe city commission shall work with the citizens of the community, local schools, businesses, churches, youth organizations, and civic groups to educate and to generate participation and support for crime prevention and drug awareness programs.

#### **Sec. 2.87 – Composition.**

(a) The safe city commission shall be composed of [26](#) regular members appointed by the mayor. Three additional ex officio (nonvoting) student members shall also serve on the commission. One student member shall be represented from each of the three area high schools, New Braunfels High School, Canyon High School, and Smithson Valley High School, and each representative shall be designated by the appropriate school official.

(b) The mayor, city manager, chief of police and a representative of the city police department appointed by the chief of police shall be permanent members of the safe city commission, in addition to the membership set out in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The members of the safe city commission shall be persons interested in the reduction of crime and drugs in the community.

## **Sec. 2 - 88 – Duties.**

The safe city commission shall act as an advisory body. It shall generate citizen support and participation in effective community crime prevention programs. The commission shall make studies of crime activities, develop and conduct projects to prevent crime, and make recommendations to the city council.

## **Sec. 2 – 89 – Meetings.**

The safe city commission shall hold regular meetings, workshops and subcommittee meetings as may be deemed appropriate for the conduct of its business.

## **Sec. 2 – 90 – Bylaws.**

The safe city commission shall operate under bylaws approved by the city council.

### **SECTION 2: Savings Clause.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. The balance of such ordinance is hereby saved from repeal.

### **SECTION 3: Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or illegal, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared void.

### **SECTION 4: Effective Date and Publication.**

This Ordinance shall become adopted and effective upon its second reading, signature required by City Charter, and filing by the City Secretary.

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this 25 day of March, 2024.

AND APPROVED: Second reading this 8 day of April, 2024.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS**

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Neal Linnartz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Valeria M. Acevedo, City Attorney