
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE IV. SECTION 30-61 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REMOVE THE PROVISION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS MADE EACH YEAR; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Partnership Committee in a regular meeting held on 11 July, 2023, voted to recommend a decrease in the number of committee members from 15 to 11; and

WHEREAS, the decrease in the number of committee members was approved by City Council on the 26th of February, 2023, and became effective September 1, 2024, to coincide with the Fall boards and commissions appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership Committee in a regular meeting held on 10 October, 2023, voted to recommend adding a provision to the Partnership Committee ordinance for absentee committee members and to remove gender-specific language; and

WHEREAS, the provision for absentee committee members and the removal of gender-specific language was approved by City Council on the 26th of February, 2023, and became effective March 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership Committee in a regular meeting held on 9 October, 2024, voted to recommend removal of the provision from the Partnership Committee ordinance on the number of committee appointments each year to align with the reduction in number of committee members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

I.

THAT the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances Section 30-61 is hereby amended as follows, with deletions in strikethrough:

Sec. 30-61. Members, terms, appointments.

(a) The New Braunfels Partnership Committee shall be composed of 11 citizens residing in the city or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city, with staggered three-year terms. The mayor shall nominate citizens to the committee and the city council shall approve said nominations. ~~The nominations and appointments of committee members shall be on a rotating basis so that five members shall be appointed each year.~~ Vacancies on the committee shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired term of the vacant position on the committee. The mayor of the city shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

(b) A committee member shall be assumed to have resigned from the committee and the committee member's position considered vacant if the committee member is absent from two meetings of the committee within a one-year period. This provision may be waived or suspended upon a finding by majority vote of the committee that one or more of the absences should be excused.

(Ord. No. 2009-55, § 2, 8-10-09)

II.

THAT all provisions hereof are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision hereof is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, such shall not invalidate or affect the remaining provisions hereof which will be and remain in full force and effect.

III.

THAT it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

IV.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this the 12th day of November 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED: Second reading this the 25th day of November 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VALERIA M. ACEVEDO, CITY ATTORNEY