

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ‘ADMINISTRATION’, ARTICLE 1-1; BY REPEALING AND RESERVING SAID SECTION OF SUCH ARTICLE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING ARTICLE 1-10, ‘RULES, TIMES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS’; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coppel believes it will benefit to amend and update the City’s Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the Rules, Times and Procedures for Conducting City Council Meetings previously implemented for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Coppel.

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

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppel, Texas, be and in the same is hereby amending Chapter 1, ‘Administration’, by Article 1-10 “Rules, Times and Procedures for Conducting City Council Meetings”, Section 1-10-6.2.1 “Citizen Appearance” by changing the time for citizen appearance from two (2) minutes to three (3) minutes; and, by eliminating the aggregate time limits to hereinafter read as follows:

“CHAPTER 1 – ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1-10-1 Creation.

ARTICLE 1-10. RULES, TIMES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Sec. 1-10-6.2.1 Citizen appearance. Persons wishing to speak on any matter other than an item scheduled for a public hearing on the agenda, must sign a register and list their residence address, provided by the city secretary on a table outside the council chambers, and such persons may be heard only at the “citizens appearance” portion of a regular meeting or special meeting.

Each speaker must state his or her name and address of residence. Presentations by individuals during the “citizens appearance” shall be limited to three (3) minutes each. Those persons who signed up to speak at the “citizens appearance” shall be called upon in the order that they have signed the provided register. No personal attacks by any speaker shall be made against any member of the council, mayor, individual, group or corporation (Charter Article 3, Section 3.12).”

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SECTION 2. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppell, as heretofore amended, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense; and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. That all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Coppell in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed and any provisions not so in conflict shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 4. That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not effect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not effect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

SECTION 5. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City of Coppell that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Article are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections.

SECTION 6. An offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by the prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and the publication of the caption as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, on the _____ day of _____ 2024.

APPROVED:

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert E. Hager, City Attorney