

ORDINANCE NO. 3730

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE II "BOARD, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS," SECTION 2-31 "REMOVAL OF CERTAIN BOARD OR COMMISSION MEMBERS BY CITY COUNCIL; ABSENCES" RELATING TO MEETING ABSENCES OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, to provide for more accountability to the public by those appointed to serve on the various boards and commissions as well as to avoid putting board and commission members in the position of determining what constitutes a valid reason for being absent from a meeting, the City Council finds it to be in the public interest to revise the requirements with respect to the attendance of board and commission members at regularly scheduled meetings and to remove the authority of boards and commission to excuse absences.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 "Administration," Article II "Boards, Committees, and Commissions," Division 1 "Generally, " of the Code of Ordinances is amended by amending Section 2-31 "Removal of Certain Board or Commission Members by City Council; Absences" to read as follows:

Sec. 2-31. - Removal of certain board or commission members by city council; absences.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code or state law, the City Council may remove members of board and commissions as provided in Section 2.09 of the City Charter.
- (b) Any person appointed by the City Council to a board or commission as either a regular member or alternate member shall be deemed to have resigned and vacated the position to which such person was appointed if such person is absent from more than 25% of the regular meetings of the board or commission during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
- (c) The vacancy created by the resignation deemed to have occurred pursuant to the application of Section 2-31(b) shall be effective upon adjournment of the regular meeting the absence from which resulted in the person's resignation.

- (d) Not later than ten (10) days after each regular meeting of a board or commission, the chairperson of each board and commission shall report any absences of regular and alternate members from such meeting to the City Secretary.

SECTION 2. 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 affect 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 affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect after the passage of this Ordinance, the publication of the caption hereof as the law and charter in such case provide.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2022.

ATTEST:



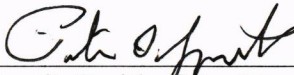
Amy Piukana, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert E. Dye, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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