



## ORDINANCE NO. 3811

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" ARTICLE III. "CODE OF ETHICS" SECTION 2-280 "ADDITIONAL STANDARDS" BY ADDING SUBSECTION (j) REGARDING THE ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended by amending Chapter 2 "Administration" Article III. "Code of Ethics" Section 2-280. "Additional standards", by adding subsection (j) to read as follows:

**"Sec. 2-280. - Additional Standards**

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- (j) Recognizing that the endorsement of a candidate for election to City Council tends to diminish the public confidence in the independence and impartiality of the City Council and necessarily involves the use of the prestige of such member's office to advance the private interests of others, the mayor and members of the City Council should refrain from endorsing a candidate for election to the City Council, including any written or oral statements and/or communications to that effect, or encourage others on behalf of such person to do so. A violation of this subsection shall not be a violation of this code of ethics subject to a complaint against a member of the City Council."

**SECTION 2.** All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** An offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is governed by prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense

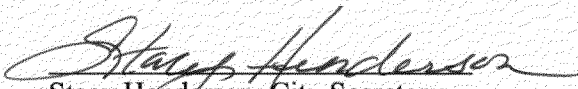
was committed or the application was submitted, as applicable, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

**SECTION 5.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense; and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

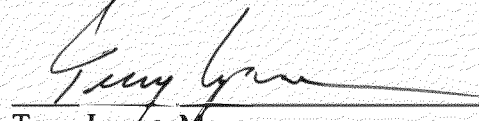
**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and the publication of the caption of said Ordinance as the law and the City Charter in such cases provides.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.**

**ATTEST:**

  
Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Terry Lynne, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Peter G. Smith, City Attorney