

CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-01-27-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS ESTABLISHING A DRESS CODE AND RULES OF DECORUM FOR ATTENDEES AT CITY HALL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Princeton, Texas is a duly organized political subdivision of the State of Texas engaged in the provision of City Government and related services for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Princeton; and

WHEREAS, the City of Princeton is a Type A General Law Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Princeton to establish such regulations that accord City Council meetings the proper respect, preserving the highest standards of dignity and decorum, that are not in conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and not intended to interfere with religious custom or create a financial barrier to participation or observation of open meetings.

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

Section 1. *Incorporation of Premises.*

That all of the above premises are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2. *Adoption of Dress Code and Rules of Decorum.*

The City Council of the City hereby amends Chapter 2 "Administration" to establish a new Section 2-5 of Article I entitled "Dress Code and Rules of Decorum" which shall hereinafter read in its entirety as follows:

2-5. Dress Code and Rules of Decorum

- (a) All persons who enter City Hall to attend public meetings shall dress appropriately: no shorts or capris above the knee, miniskirts, hats, halter tops, bare midriffs, lewd clothing, t-shirts with offensive language or pictures, or tank tops. Shirts and shoes are required.
- (b) Cellular phones, pagers and other communication devices must be on silent mode so as not to disrupt proceedings;
- (c) No food and/or drinks are permitted in council chambers.

- (d) Violators of the dress code will not be permitted in the council chambers or administrative offices in City Hall. If attendance is for a public meeting, violators of the dress code will be able to stand in the ante-chamber where they can observe and hear the proceedings.
- (e) Persons who disrupt a public meeting may be removed consistent with applicable laws and statutes.

Section 3: *Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances*

This Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Princeton, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 4: *Severability Clause*

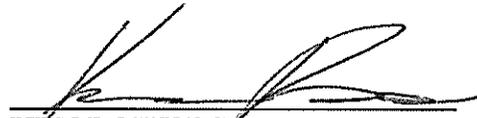
If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or application to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: *Effective Date*

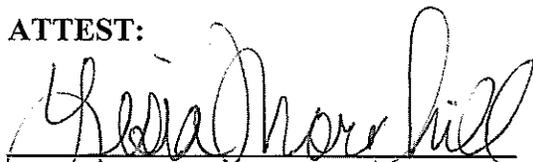
The ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON ON THE 27 of January, 2014.

CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS


KEN BOWERS
Mayor

ATTEST:


LESIA THORNHILL
City Secretary

