

ORDINANCE 2006-7

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ETHICS STANDARDS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS.

H.B. 914 was passed during the 2005 legislative session and became effective January 1, 2006. The bill enacts Local Government Code Chapter 176, which requires Mayors; Council Members, City Managers or Administrators and other certain City Officials must file a conflicts disclosure statement with the City Secretary within seven days of becoming aware of either of the following situations:

1. The city officer or any of the officers' family members have an employment or business relationship with a person who has contracted with city or with whom the city is considering doing business, and that the relationship results in taxable income for the city officer or officers family member.
2. A city officer or any of the city officers family members receive an accept one or more gifts with an aggregate value of \$250.00 in the proceeding twelve months from a person who conducts business or is being considered for business with a city officer's city.

The bill also requires potential vendors wishing to conduct business with the city to file a "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS

SECTION I. THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THE ETHICS STANDARDS PROVIDED IN H.B. 914 IN IT'S ENTIRETY TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES.

SECTION II. EACH COUNCIL MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE THIS REQUIREMENT BY COMPLETION OF THE ATTACHED FORM.

SECTION III. EACH COUNCIL MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE H.B. REQUIREMENTS NOTED ABOVE BY COMPLETION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE ATTACHED FORM TO THE CITY SECRETARY FOR ANY OCCURRENCE.

SECTION IV. EACH COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR ALL RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY GRANTED BY LAW WHEN ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

**SECTION V. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE
SUBJECT TO FINES, CENSOR, AND MAXIMUM
PENALTIES AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW.**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2006

APPROVED


MAYOR MICHAEL McDONALD

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ATTEST/S:


LINDA CARR, CITY SECRETARY