

ORDINANCE NO.

19-2865

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON AMENDING THE CITY OF DENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES (CODE) SECTION 2-29 (CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE) SUBSECTION (H) (CREATION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS) REQUIRING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton creates various boards, commissions, and committees to participate in the City's governmental process, and give input on topics of community importance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that board, commission, and committee membership is a significant time commitment for Denton residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to help members of boards, commissions, and committees better understand the time commitment and meeting schedule of their respective seat by requiring the adoption of regular meeting schedules annually; and

WHEREAS, Denton City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Council Rules of Procedure set forth in Section 2-29 of the Denton City Code of Ordinances; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-29 (h) of the Denton Code of Ordinances, known as the Denton City Council Rules of Procedure, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(h) *Creation of committees, boards and commissions.*

(1) *Council committees:* The council may, by resolution and as the need arises, authorize the appointment of council committees. Any committee so created shall cease to exist when abolished by resolution of the council. Council committees shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

(2) *Citizen boards, commissions, and committees:* The council may create other citizen boards, commissions, and committees to assist in the conduct of the operation of the city government with such duties as the council may specify not inconsistent with the City Charter or Code. Creation of such boards, commissions, and committees and memberships and selection of members shall be by council resolution if not otherwise specified by the City Charter or Code. Any board, commission, or committee so created shall cease to exist when abolished by a resolution approved by the council. No committee so appointed shall have powers other than advisory to the council or to the city manager, except as otherwise specified by the Charter or Code. All citizen boards, commissions, and committees shall comply with the procedural requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Any reference in this article to "citizen boards, commissions,

and committees" includes citizen task forces and citizen ad hoc boards, commissions, and committees unless otherwise indicated herein.

(3) *Appointments:*

- a. Individual city council members making nominations for members to citizen boards, commissions, and committees will consider interested persons on a citywide basis.
- b. The city council will make an effort to be inclusive of all segments of the community in the board, commission, and committee appointment process. City council members will consider ethnicity, gender, socio-economic levels, and other factors to ensure a diverse representation of Denton citizens.
- c. The city council will take into consideration an individual's qualifications, willingness to serve, and application information in selecting nominations for membership to each board, commission, and committee.
- d. In an effort to ensure maximum citizen participation, city council members will continue the general practice of nominating new citizens to replace board members who have served three (3) consecutive terms on the same board per the provisions of Denton Code of Ordinances, section 2-65. This provision does not apply to citizen task forces and citizen ad hoc committees.
- e. Each city council member will be responsible for making nominations for board, committee, and commission places assigned to him or her, which shall correspond to the city council member's place. Individual city council members will make nominations to the full city council for the governing body's approval or disapproval.

(4) *Rules of procedure:*

- a. All board, commission, and committee members, including citizen board, commission, and committee members, shall comply with the provisions of article II of chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances. All board, commission and committee members, including citizen board, commission, and committee members, shall be provided a copy of these rules of procedure and a copy of the City of Denton Handbook for Boards, Commissions and Committees, which shall govern operational procedures of all boards, commissions and committees, including citizen boards, commissions, and committees. All boards, commissions, and committees, including citizen boards, commissions and committees, shall comply with these rules as to the preparation of minutes of meetings, and such minutes shall be prepared in accordance with the policies and procedures of the city secretary.
- b. All citizen board, commission, and committee members shall comply with the procedural requirements of the V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code Chapter 551, also known as the "Texas Open Meetings Act" as they appear now or may be amended in the future. Notice of all meetings shall be posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and minutes and records will be maintained in accordance with requirements of the city secretary's office. Each citizen board, commission, and committee member shall be provided a copy of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Penalty provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act shall only

apply to citizen boards, commissions, and committees with rule making or quasi-judicial power, as set forth in the Texas Open Meetings Act and as interpreted by Texas Courts.

c. Unless otherwise provided by law, each board, commission, or committee, shall adopt a regular meeting schedule by no later than the body's first meeting of the calendar year. All regular meeting schedules shall be sent to the City Secretary's Office for official record keeping purposes upon adoption. Regular meeting schedules should include all planned meetings the body intends to have during the calendar year.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause, or part of the Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by PAUL MELTZER and seconded by KEELY BRIGGS, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [6 - 0]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chris Watts, Mayor:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gerard Hudspeth, District 1:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Keely Briggs, District 2:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jesse Davis, District 3:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
John Ryan, District 4:	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>

Deb Armintor, At Large Place 5:

✓

Paul Meltzer, At Large Place 6:

✓

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 28th day of January, 2020.

Chris Watts

CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

BY:

Rosa Rios

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
AARON LEAL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:

Aaron Leal

