



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Andy Segovia, City Attorney

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Code of Conduct for the City of San Antonio City Council.

SUMMARY:

The ordinance will add a Code of Conduct for the City Council to the City Code.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City Charter gives the City of San Antonio City Council the power to create their own rules including those related to meeting decorum and expected standards in interactions between Council Members and colleagues, Council staff, and City staff. The ordinance codifies City Council's commitment to fostering a safe and productive work environment, expected standards of conduct, and a process for addressing complaints, and enforcement measures consistent with the City Charter.

The City Council values a democratic process that relies on public participation, listening to differing opinions and engaging in respectful debate. The Charter of the City of San Antonio provides City Council with the ability to determine its rules and order of business. City Charter, Article II. City Council, Sec. 12. Council rules. The Code of Conduct, codified by the ordinance, outlines City

Council's values related to interactions and communication amongst themselves and others to include social media or other media communications and provides for enforcement and remedies for violations of those rules.

ISSUE:

Not Applicable

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Not Applicable. The Council has complete discretion on whether they will adopt a Code of Conduct.