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Item No. XX

ORDINANCE

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLES III (ETHICS CODE), AND VII (MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE CODE)

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WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the City's Code of Ethics by Ordinance No. 88874 on November 19, 1998, amended the Code and adopted the Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations on August 5, 2004, by Ordinance No. 99538, and has amended both codes several times since then, most recently on June 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a 2004 amendment of the City Charter established the Ethics Review Board as the body with oversight of the Ethics and Municipal Campaign Finance Codes, including the authority to recommend changes to the codes; and

WHEREAS, in April 2022 the Ethics Review Board initiated a review of the Ethics and Municipal Campaign Finance Code and presented their recommendations to Council at the January 10, 2024, B Session and May 2, 2024, A Session; and

WHEREAS, revisions to both codes will ensure the codes reflect the current operating policies and ethical values of the City, as well as applicable state and federal requirements; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City's Ethics Code, codified in Chapter 2, Article III of the City Code is amended as set forth in Attachment A. The City's Municipal Campaign Finance Code, codified in Chapter 2, Article VII of the City Code is amended as set forth in Attachment B.

SECTION 2. The Office of the City Clerk is directed to publish notice of these amendments as required by law.

SECTION 3. To allow for a comprehensive outreach campaign and provide ample time for stakeholders to familiarize themselves with the changes, this ordinance shall be effective October 1, 2024. The changes in the City Code's ethics and campaign finance provisions reflected in this ordinance apply only to events taking place on or after the effective date of this ordinance. Any events occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are governed by the City Code provisions in effect on that date of that event.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the ____ day of _____ 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney