

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 88TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE.

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WHEREAS, prior to the convening of each biennial State legislative session, the City of San Antonio identifies policy priorities that it would like the Texas Legislature to address; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2022, through Ordinance Number 2022-11-03-0848, the City Council adopted the State Legislative Program, containing legislative matters categorized into Protection of Community Interests, Economic and Community Development, Public Health and Safety; Infrastructure and Resiliency, and Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees approved its legislative initiatives for the 88th Texas Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives include administrative changes, the addition of a provision for deaths caused or abetted by a survivor, clarification of the line of duty definition, and an increase in the Death Benefit Annuity for non-line of duty deaths; and

WHEREAS, the City has been working with the Pension Fund to evaluate different options for increasing the current minimum Death Benefit Annuity of 50%, and after review of several options, it is recommended to propose a revision to the Pension Fund's Board Approved Legislative package to increase the minimum non-line of duty Death Benefit of 50% to a minimum of 75%; and

WHEREAS, with this proposed modification to the Pension Fund's Death Benefit Annuity, City Staff is recommending amending the City's State Legislative Program to include Support for San Antonio Fire and Police Pension Fund's 2023 Legislative Proposal as amended and contingent upon subsequent approval by the Pension Funds Legislative Committee and Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the City's State Legislative Program include an endorsement of the Pension Fund Board's legislative proposal contingent upon the approval of the Pension Fund's Legislative Committee and Board of Trustees of the proposed modification to the non-line of duty death benefit and a statement of the City's position regarding other proposed changes to pension law; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Council approves the amendment of the City of San Antonio's State Legislative Program for the 88th Legislative Session. A copy of the proposed amended Program is attached to this Ordinance as **Exhibit I**.

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This is a draft ordinance and will be replaced with the final ordinance following passage by the City Council.

SECTION 2. Staff is directed to inform the Bexar County Legislative Delegation of the Program and to undertake such steps as are reasonably necessary to obtain passage of the City's various initiatives during the upcoming 88th Legislative Session.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of January 2023.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney