

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 -**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS AMENDING, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 5 (CODE OF ETHICS) OF THE SAN MARCOS CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.422.1; REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPOINTED MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES TO ATTEND ETHICS TRAINING DURING THE FIRST THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THEIR INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2, Article 5, Division 1 of the San Marcos City Code is hereby amended to add a new Section 2.422.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 2.422.1. – Ethics Training Required

All members of the city council and appointive members of city boards, commissions, or committees established on a permanent basis by ordinance, the city charter, or state law, shall attend training regarding the San Marcos Code of Ethics and state conflict of interest laws during the first thirty (30) days of their initial term of office. Ethics training provided by the San Marcos City Attorney's Office meets the requirements of this section.

**SECTION 2.** If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption on second reading.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING** on July 6, 2021.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** on August 3, 2021.

Jane Hughson  
Mayor

Attest:

Approved:

Tammy K. Cook  
Interim City Clerk

Michael J. Cosentino  
City Attorney