



Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** Ord. 2021-07    **Version:** 1    **Name:**

**Type:** Discussion Item    **Status:** Individual Consideration

**File created:** 12/23/2020    **In control:** City Council

**On agenda:** 1/19/2021    **Final action:**

**Title:** Consider approval of Ordinance 2021-07, on the first of two reading, amending Chapter 2, Article V (Code of Ethics) of the San Marcos City Code; requiring ethics complaints to be sworn before a notary public; establishing a six month time period to file a complaint regarding an alleged violation; requiring city employees and officials to cooperate in hearings before the ethics review commission; prohibiting the use of intimidation to discourage employees from filing ethics complaints or testifying at hearings before the commission; prohibiting retaliation in the form of adverse personnel action against city employees who file ethics complaints or testify at commission hearings on pending complaints; and providing an effective date.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Ethics Ordinance Amendment - Including Whistleblower Protections (formatted) (002).pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
1/19/2021	1	City Council		
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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

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**Meeting date:** January 19, 2021

**Department:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Account Number:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Funds Available:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Account Name:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- Economic Development - Choose an item.
- Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- Land Use - Choose an item.
- Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** [Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]

Choose an item.

**Background Information:**

The amendments to the San Marcos Code of ethics set forth in the attached ordinance were recommended by the San Marcos Ethics Review Commission and previously reviewed by the City Council.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

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**Recommendation:**

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