

ORDINANCE NO: 614

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 SECTION 2-21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS ENTITLED MEETING AGENDA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR INFORMAL POLICIES OF THE CITY WHICH ARE IN ANY MANNER INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS:

Section One

Section 2.21 entitled Meeting Agenda of Chapter 2 entitled Administration of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Columbia, Texas, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-21. Meeting Agenda

Any person, whether a member of the City Council, any other City officer, City employee or otherwise, may have a subject placed on the agenda of any regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council for deliberation, discussion or decision by the City Council, by submitting a written request to the City Secretary no later than noon on the day which is one week prior to the scheduled meeting or the business day preceding that day if that day preceding the meeting falls on a weekend or holiday. The exceptions to that deadline are (a) the posting of an emergency under the applicable provisions of state law, and (b) an urgent matter which could not have been reasonably anticipated by the one-week deadline, which urgent matter may be included within the sole discretion of the City Manager provided that the request is submitted no later than noon on the third business day preceding the scheduled meeting. The request shall state the name, address and telephone number of the requesting party together with a brief description of the subject to be placed on the agenda. All requests with respect to called meetings shall be made in like manner no later than noon on the day which is one week prior to the called meeting or the business day preceding that day if that day preceding the meeting falls on a weekend or holiday. The City Secretary shall, upon receipt of a request in compliance with this section, place the subject on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

Section Two

Any rules, ordinances, police regulations, resolutions, and/or policies of the City of West Columbia, whether written, or otherwise, which are in any manner in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance, shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and/or inconsistency.

Section Three

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the several provisions of this article are severable, and if any court of competent jurisdiction enters a final order which holds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this article is invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable, then any such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and any such ruling shall not affect any other provisions of this article which are not specifically designated as being illegal, invalid, or unenforceable.

Section Four

This ordinance shall be effective and applicable upon its passage and approval by the City Council of the City of West Columbia.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of
January, 2013.


LAURIE B. KINGANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelli R. Kuban
Kelli Kuban
City Secretary