

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYTLE, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-06 TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILINGS BY CURRENT APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIALS; CORRECTING SECTION REFERENCE IN SECTION 2.68(c); AND WAIVING THE PUBLICATION NOTICE REQUIREMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, public service is a public trust, and all City officials and employees are stewards of the public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the public have confidence in the integrity, independence and impartiality of those who act on their behalf in government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to prohibit conduct that is incompatible with the public's best interests and to minimize the risk of any appearance of impropriety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYTLE, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION ONE. AMENDMENT.**

A. Section 2-65(b) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(b) *Current and New officers.*

(1) A newly appointed or elected officer shall file a sworn financial disclosure, as defined in divisions (c, d, e) below, with the city secretary within 30 calendar days from the date the position is assumed.

(2) All current appointed or elected officials shall file a sworn financial disclosure, as defined in division (c, d, e) below, with the city secretary within 30 calendar days of the Effective Date of this ordinance and thereafter filed annually by January 30th.

B. Section 2-68(c) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(c) If after review of a no just cause written recommendation from the ethics review commission, the city council, by majority vote, determines the existence of just cause, then the complaint shall be referred back to the ethics review commission to conduct an investigation and a hearing as set forth below in section 2-69.

**SECTION TWO. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its approval by City Council. The city expressly waives the newspaper publication requirement as provided under Local Government Code Section 52.011(c).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

**CITY OF LYTLE, TEXAS:**



Ruben Gonzalez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Paola Rios, City Secretary

