

Ordinance amending Section 2-311, Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi, regarding additional ethics standards for the City's juvenile case managers and other individuals subject to the code of ethics; providing for penalties; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

Whereas, in 2011, the Texas Legislature required the governing bodies of entities employing juvenile case managers to adopt reasonable rules for juvenile case managers that provide a code of ethics, and for the enforcement of the code of ethics;

Whereas, the City's current code of ethics applicable to City employees, with the amendments included in this ordinance, provides a code of ethics for the juvenile case managers, as well as other Municipal Court and City employees, and the procedures for enforcing the code of ethics that apply to juvenile case managers; and

Whereas, these proposed amendments have been reviewed by and approved by the City Ethics Commission;

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, that:

Section 1. Section 2-311, Code of Ordinances, is amended by renumbering existing paragraphs (5) to (24) as paragraphs (6) to (25) respectively, by adding new paragraphs (5) and (26), and by revising renumbered paragraph (13), to read as follows:

Sec. 2-311. - Standards.

The following rules of conduct apply to all council members, board members, and employees:

Special privileges.

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(5) You shall maintain appropriate relationships with other officials, employees, customers, defendants, and individuals receiving services from you or your organizational unit, and shall not use your position to engage in any inappropriate personal relationships.

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Actions adverse to the city:

~~(12)~~(13) You shall not disclose information that could adversely affect the property or affairs of the city, except as required by law.

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Provisions for employees:

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(26) As an employee, you may not violate the confidentiality or privacy of an individual, including a juvenile and adult defendants or detainees or juvenile clients being counseled through a city program, unless it is to seek emergency assistance or consultation services from within the city's program or school campus; the individual has threatened to harm themselves or others; or to provide details of any criminal activity or enterprise.

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Section 2. A violation of this ordinance or requirements implemented under this ordinance constitutes an offense punishable under Sections 1-6, 2-313, and 2-334 of the City Code of Ordinances.

Section 3. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance be given full force and effect for its purpose.

Section 4. Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, 2012, by the following vote:

Joe Adame	_____	David Loeb	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	John E. Marez	_____
Chris N. Adler	_____	Nelda Martinez	_____
Larry R. Elizondo, Sr.	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, 2012, by the following vote:

Joe Adame	_____	David Loeb	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	John E. Marez	_____
Chris N. Adler	_____	Nelda Martinez	_____
Larry R. Elizondo, Sr.	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____		

Passed and Approved, this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Attest:

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Joe Adame
Mayor

Approved: _____ day of _____, 2012:

Lisa Aguilar
Senior Assistant City Attorney
For City Attorney