

**ORDINANCE NO. 3471**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III “BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES” OF CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS TO AMEND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills previously adopted regulations outlining the attendance requirements for Board, Commission and Committee members within the City of North Richland Hills, codified in Article III, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas (“Code”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills now desires to update and amend those regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS:**

**SECTION 1.** THAT Subsection (m) “Attendance Reports” of Sec. 2-121 “Appointment, review, removal and training for board and commissions” of Article III “Boards, Commissions and Committees” of Chapter 2 “Administration” of the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-121 Appointment, review, removal and training for boards and commissions.**

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(m) *Attendance Reports.* The staff person providing support to that particular board shall keep attendance reports at all meetings. The staff person will forward the attendance reports to the city secretary on or before the last day of each month. The city secretary will prepare a report for the city council showing attendance records for each board and each member thereof. This report shall be provided to the city council each month. A member shall attend a minimum of 75 percent (75%) of the board's meetings from July 1 through June 30, if not he/she shall automatically be dropped from membership on the board. Automatic removal for failure to meet this attendance requirement shall not apply to a board or commission that meets less than four times within a 12 month period (July 1 – June 30), or to a board or commission for which a

separate removal process is set forth in the City Charter or the City Code of Ordinances. The city secretary shall inform a council member if his or her appointee has missed three meetings within a six month timeframe. The attendance reports referred to in this paragraph shall be made available to the city council and a copy furnished upon request. Attendance at all regular meetings, special meetings and workshops shall be recorded and used to calculate attendance percentages.

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**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions are in direct conflict with the provisions of other ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of the other ordinances are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 4.** All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas, as amended, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the court.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law, and it is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

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Oscar Trevino, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Alicia Richardson, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney