

AN ORDINANCE 2009-09-17-0731B

AMENDING THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, CODE OF ETHICS, DIVISION 5, SECTION 2-65(G), TO INCREASE THE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION FEE TO \$500.00; AND INCREASING THE FEE FOR A CANDIDATE PACKET OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK TO \$25.00.

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WHEREAS, the City Council passed and approved Ordinance Number 88874 on November 19, 1998, adopting a new Code of Ethics establishing registration requirements and fees for lobbyists; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has subsequently amended the Code of Ethics in Ordinance Number 98709 on January 15, 2004, and in Ordinance Number 100283 on January 13, 2005, when the Council adopted amendments pertaining to the registration fee for lobbyists; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, Section 2-65(g) of the City Code assesses a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each lobbyist registrant and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each agent or employee of the registrant that engages in lobbying activity on behalf of the registrant's clients, and is proposing an increase in this fee to \$500.00 for each of these categories; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk offers a packet of materials, such as election timelines, forms and other relevant documents to persons interested in running for office, and proposes to raise the fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, Section 2-65(g) of the City Code to increase lobbyist registration fees, and the increase in the fee charged by the Office of the City Clerk for campaign packages are reasonable and necessary; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio City Code Chapter 2, Article III, entitled "Code of Ethics", Division 5, Section 2-65(g), is amended by adding the underscored words and deleting those struck through and bracketed to read in its entirety as follows:

(g) *Fee.* At the time of initial or subsequent annual registration with respect to a client, a registrant shall pay to the city, and the City Clerk shall collect, a fee of \$500.00 [~~\$300~~] for the registrant and \$500.00 [~~\$300~~] for each agent or employee of the registrant that engages in lobbying activity on behalf of the registrant's clients. All lobbyist registration fees shall be deposited into a separate account within the general fund, which account shall be used to offset the costs of administering the city's lobbying ordinance and the costs of handling disclosure filings.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, of the City Code of San

Antonio, Texas shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 3. The \$10.00 fee currently charged by the City Clerk for candidate packets is raised to \$25.00.

SECTION 4. Candidate packet fees are available for sale in the Office of the City Clerk. Funds received from the sale of the packets shall be deposited in Cost Center 0201010001, Internal Order 2020000000 10, General Ledger 4401800, entitled "Other - Sale and Services of Publications," Fund 11, entitled "General Ledger".

SECTION 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and its application to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, as if the invalid provision had never appeared in this Ordinance, and this governing body declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without the invalid provision.

SECTION 6. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

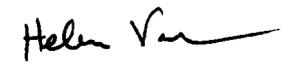
SECTION 7. The City Clerk is directed to publish notice of these amendments to Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas. Publication shall be in an official newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 17 of the City Charter.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of September 2009.


M A Y O R

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney

Agenda Item:	7						
Date:	09/17/2009						
Time:	10:18:37 AM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	Consideration of Ordinances establishing new fees and amending or repealing existing fees within the General Fund, specifically within the Animal Care Services, City Clerk, Customer Service and 311, Downtown Operations, Fire, Health, Housing and Neighborhood Services, Library, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works; and within the Airport Operating & Maintenance Fund, Juvenile Case Manager Fund, Parking Fund, Planning & Development Services Fund, Purchasing and Contract Services Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund; and amending the City Code to reflect such changes. [Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Peter Zaroni, Director, Management and Budget]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x			x	
David Medina Jr.	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x				
W. Reed Williams	District 8		x				
Elisa Chan	District 9		x				
John G. Clamp	District 10		x				x

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Helen I. Lutz, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Publisher of ***The Hart Beat***; that said newspaper is generally circulated in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas; that the attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s):

September 25, 2009

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 2009, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Helen I. Lutz, Publisher

PUBLIC NOTICE

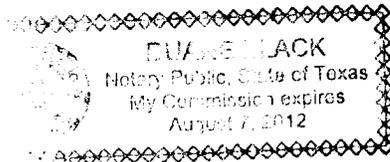
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/S/ JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR

ATTEST: LETICIA VACEK
CITY CLERK
9/25



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Duane Black

Name of Notary

My commission expires August 7, 2012