

ORDINANCE No. 2008-08- 05-8

AN ORDINANCE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS ADOPTING A UNIFORM METHOD OF DECLARING VACANCIES ON VILLAGE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES DUE TO EXCESSIVE ABSENCES AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THEIR REPLACEMENTS.

WHEREAS, persons appointed to Village boards, commissions or committees can be effective members only if they attend the group's meetings regularly. Excessive absenteeism by appointed members poses a significant risk to the successful accomplishment of the assigned duties and responsibilities of these entities and thus results in a disservice to the community.

WHEREAS, in order to preserve and protect the integrity and effectiveness of its boards, commissions and committees, the Village Council deems it necessary to adopt a uniform method of declaring vacancies resulting from excessive absenteeism and for appointing replacements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS that:

1. An appointed member of a Village board, commission or committee shall be deemed to have relinquished his/her membership and to have created a vacancy if the member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the meetings in a twelve month period where the board, commission or committee meets at least four (4) times per year; provided only that an absence may be excused upon obtaining prior written approval of the absence from the chairperson of the board, commission or committee or from the Mayor in which case the approved absence and the stated reason for the absence must be made of record at the next meeting at which a quorum is present. "Missing a meeting" shall include those instances in which a member is not present at a meeting which is canceled or postponed due to lack of a quorum.

2. Immediately after a member has missed three (3) consecutive meetings or more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the meetings in a twelve month period where the board, commission or committee meets at least four (4) times per year, the chairperson and/or Village Clerk shall provide a written notice to the Council of the vacancy within five (5) days after the vacancy is created. The Village Clerk shall place the matter on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled council meeting. At that meeting the Council may declare the position vacant and if a vacancy is declared, the Council shall then take nominations and vote on a replacement either at the same meeting or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

3. The provisions of this ordinance supercede any contrary provisions in other ordinances and/or resolutions governing vacancies and replacements of board, commission or committee members during the unexpired terms of its members due to excessive absences but it does not supercede the provisions of these other ordinances and/or resolutions which govern the selection of board, commission or committee members for other reasons.

That this ordinance was adopted with all the requisites and formalities incident thereto for the enactment of Ordinances as evidenced by the signatures below.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2008.


MADELEINE PRAINO, Mayor

Attest:


JESSICA GARZA,
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form:


SHANIKA A. ENGLISH, Village Attorney