

ETHICS COMMISSION

DUTIES: In addition to having jurisdiction of complaints involving any "city official", the duties of this commission are to prepare and publish pamphlets and other materials explaining the duties of individuals subject to the code of ethics; review all statements and reports filed with the city; annually review the code of ethics and make appropriate recommendations to the city council; review all public opinions related to the code of ethics that are issued by the city attorney; prepare and disseminate a report listing all campaign contributions and expenditures for each candidate within 30 days following the deadline for filing the last campaign finance reports for each city council election. The commission shall have such meetings as may be necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The chairperson or any three (3) members may call a meeting provided that reasonable notice is given to each member. The commission shall meet at least once a year. The date of the annual meeting shall be in September. The commission shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

COMPOSITION: Nine members appointed by a two-thirds vote of the full council. Nominations are to be solicited from a wide variety of professional and community organizations in the city but interested individuals may also submit their names for consideration. Initially, the terms of three members shall be one year, and the initial terms of another three terms shall be two years. The persons having such shorter terms shall be determined by lot. No holding over is permitted except as expressly provided in the code of ethics. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

CREATION & AUTHORITY: Section 2-320, Code of Ordinances; Ordinance No. 20781, 9/19/89, Ord. 023460 , 10-13-98; Ord. No. 024614 - 10/9/01.

MEETS: 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, Fifth Floor - ACM Conference Room.

MEMBERS, TERMS, AND EXPIRATION DATES: Three-year staggered terms.

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>ORIGINAL APPTD. DATE</u>
Linda Figueroa	10-01-09	05-10-05
Harlan Heitkamp	10-01-09	11-11-03
William Strawn	10-01-11	06-09-09
Rebecca Esparza	10-01-11	10-14-08
Laura Hebert	10-01-10	11-13-07
Joe Guzman	10-01-09	10-14-03
Rick Marcantonio	10-01-10	12-14-04
Robert N. Corrigan.	10-01-10	10-14-03
James Richard Cramer, Chair	10-01-11	10-14-03

DEPARTMENT: Legal – Mary Kay Fischer, City Attorney