

ORDINANCE NO. 174

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RULE TO PRECLUDE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, OR THE APPEARANCE THEREOF, ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS, IN THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that city councilmembers are expected to maintain high standards of official conduct and avoid involvements that put their own personal interests at cross purposes with those of the citizens of Willow Park; and

WHEREAS, service as a city councilmember is a public trust and requires placing loyalty to the City of Willow Park, compliance with ethical principals and the law above private gain and other interests; and

WHEREAS, a business situation involving loyalty to both the City of Willow Park and another party or entity is potentially a conflict of interest and such divided loyalty can compromise a councilmember's ability to make an objective decision on matters under consideration by the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS:

SECTION I.

A member of the City Council is prohibited from voting on any matter being considered by the City Council in which the Councilmember has a personal interest or which involves an organization or entity in which the Councilmember is a director, officer, or employee.

SECTION II.

The fact that the City of Willow Park, Texas, is in immediate need for this ordinance creates an emergency demanding that any and all rules requiring ordinances to be passed at more than one meeting be suspended, and that this ordinance take effect immediately upon and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

Passed and Approved this 8th day of March, 1982.

W. W. Sparkman

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Cupp

City Secretary