

ORDINANCES CITY OF GRAPELAND

Ordinance Number 21-412

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, REGULATING RECORDING OF OPEN MEETINGS OF THE GRAPELAND CITY COUNCIL AND OF ALL OTHER OFFICIAL OPEN MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND, TEXAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND, TEXAS:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF POLICY

It currently is, and shall continue to be, the policy of the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, to comply with Section 551.023 of the Texas Government Code.

ARTICLE II

RECORDING OF MEETING BY PERSON IN ATTENDANCE

(A) A person in attendance at an open meeting of the Grapeland City Council or any other open meeting of the City of Grapeland, Texas may record all or any part of such open meeting by means of a recorder, video camera or other means of aural or visual reproduction.

(B) Audio recording devices shall be used in hand while the person in attendance is seated.

(C) Video equipment not requiring a tripod shall be used in hand by a person in attendance while seated.

(D) Video equipment with a tripod may be used, but it must not hinder the ingress or egress to and from the meeting area or be placed so as to disrupt or interfere with orderly conduct of the meeting.

(E) Members of the electronic or print media may move about the premises of the open meeting to take photographs. Others must remain in one location while recording with an audio or video device as to not disrupt the meeting.

ARTICLE III

CUMULATIVE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all

other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

ARTICLE IV

SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Grapeland hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

ARTICLE V

EFFECTIVE DATE


This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

Passed and approved this 12 day of April, 2022.

CITY OF GRAPELAND

By: 
MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY