

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AN ORDERLY APPROVAL PROCEDURE FOR CITY ORDINANCES THAT WILL ALLOW FOR CITIZEN INPUT.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara puts the citizens best interest at the forefront of all business,

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara values the input of citizens on city matters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1

THAT the following terms used in this ordinance are defined as follows:

1. "First Reading" is defined as the first reading at a city council meeting of an ordinance. The ordinance must be presented at the meeting in a form similar to its final version.
2. "Second Reading" is the reading of an ordinance, that has a 'first reading' at a previous city council meeting, and has been approved for a 'second reading'.
3. "Substantial Change" does not include changes to format or typographical errors. But does include any change that adds or deletes requirements, or any change in meaning or understanding. If any question as to if a change is 'substantial', the mayor will have final determination.

SECTION 2

THAT no city ordinance can be voted on for final approval during the "first reading" at a city council meeting, unless the Mayor deems the ordinance to be an 'emergency ordinance' needed to comply with regulations in a timely manner.

SECTION 3

THAT before the "first reading" the proposed ordinance must be submitted in electronic format to the city; or given in written format to the city secretary who will put it in electronic format, which then needs to be approved for accuracy by the submitter.

THAT after the "first reading" and discussion, the ordinance needs to be approved by the majority of the city council to be presented at another council meeting for a "second reading".

SECTION 4

THAT after the first reading and there were no 'substantial changes', the ordinance can be brought up for a "second reading" at the next month's regular city council meeting. After the second reading and further discussion, the council may vote on it for final approval, as long as no 'substantial changes' were made.

SECTION 5

THAT after the first reading, if 'substantial changes' were needed to be made due to discussion and input, then the ordinance must repeat a 'first reading' if the council wishes to continue the approval process. This 'first reading' process can only be repeated this second time, unless approved by the majority of city council for more 'first readings'.

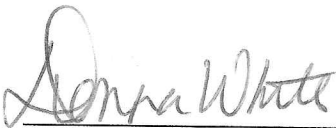
PASSED AND APPROVED this 25 day of June, 2012





Jeff Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Donna White, City Secretary