

**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

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LGL Article X, Chapter 2: Amendment re: Covered Persons

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Summary:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 2 of the CODE of ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, relating to the City's provision of Legal Representation to and Indemnification of City Officers and Employees

Background:

Article X, Chapter 2 of the City's Code of Ordinances is the City's policy for the provision of legal representation to and indemnification of City officers, employees, and volunteers against whom civil lawsuits are brought. Subject to certain exclusions, the City provides legal representation, pays judgments, attorney's fees and costs assessed against covered persons for any claim or lawsuit brought against the covered person alleging acts or omissions by the covered person during the course and scope of their assigned duties with the City.

The current definition of a "covered person" limits its application in part, to persons currently working for the City, as the current definition requires the person to be a salaried employee or a volunteer who is working under the direction of an employee of the City.

The proposed ordinance ensures the definition of a "covered person" encompasses current and former city officers and employees against whom civil lawsuits are brought alleging acts or omissions by those persons during the course and scope of the assigned duties with the City.

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