

ORDINANCE NO. 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLUM GROVE, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR “GUN REGULATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS”; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plum Grove, Texas (“City Council”) has studied gun regulations and permits to carry concealed handguns and permits for open carry of handguns and restrictions thereof;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to adopt the following regulations on the carrying of handguns at City Council Meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLUM GROVE, TEXAS:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and conclusions of law by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. Pursuant to written notice provided by Texas Penal Code, Section 30.07, as amended, and section 46.035(c), as amended, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited in the rooms or rooms where a meeting of the City Council of the City of Plum Grove is held and said meeting in an open meeting subject to Chapter 551 of the Government Code. The City shall post written notice as required by Texas Penal Code Section 30.07 where a meeting of the City Council of the City of Plum Grove is held and said meeting in an open meeting subject to Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

Section 3. Penalty. A person who unlawfully carries a handgun into a room or rooms where a meeting of the City Council of the City of Plum is held and said meeting in an open meeting subject to Chapter 551 of the Government Code, commits an offense as provided for and defined in the Texas Penal Code, as amended.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

Section 5. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared

unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences or sections of this ordinance, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be enforced as written.

Section 6. Compliance Clause and Effective Date. The City Council finds, determines and declares that a sufficient written notice was posted and this Ordinance was passed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The City Secretary is instructed to publish this Ordinance in the Official Newspaper of the City of Splendor in the manner provided and for the time required by Section 52.011(a) of the Local Government Code, at which time this Ordinance takes effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Plum Grove, Liberty County, Texas on this the 9 th day of June 2016.

CITY OF PLUM GROVE, TEXAS


Larry McMillan
Larry McMillan, Mayor

ATTEST:

N/A

City Secretary