ORDINANCE NO. 848 "Amendment To Code of Ethics"

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE VI (CODE OF ETHICS), SECTION 2-169; AND PROVIDING FOR: AMENDMENT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE & MEETING.

- WHEREAS, the City of Granite Shoals (the "City") City Council, pursuant to the City's Home Rule Charter, Section 3.13 ("Passage of Ordinances in General"), may adopt or amend any ordinance that is for the good of the City; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to establish an Ethics Commission pursuant to Section 8.01 of the City Charter; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 54.004, the City may enforce ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property and to preserve the good government, order, and security of the municipality and its inhabitants; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to this authority, the City Council has adopted a Code of Ethics, found in Chapter 2, Article VI of its Code of Ordinances;
- **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the proposed amendment of the City's Code of Ethics is reasonable, necessary, and proper for the good government of the City of Granite Shoals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas:

- **SECTION 1.** That the findings contained in the preamble of this ordinance are incorporated herein as if fully set forth within the body of this ordinance.
- **SECTION 2.** This ordinance is adopted under the authority of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 51 of the Texas Local Government Code, pursuant to which the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City.
- **SECTION 3.** Chapter 2, Article VI of the City of Granite Shoals Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read in accordance with *Attachment "A,"* which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Any underlined text shall be

inserted into the Code of Ordinances and any struck-through text shall be deleted from the Code, as indicated on *Attachment "A."* Text not underlined has not been changed or relocated.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the City Code of Granite Shoals, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the day of Nov. 2023, by the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas.

CITY OF GRANKTE SHOALS:

Ron Munos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Wright, City Secretary

Joshua Katz, City Attorney

CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS

CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE VI: CODE OF ETHICS

"Sec. 2-169 Ethics review commission

(a) The city council shall appoint an ethics review commission consisting of three five property owners or residents of qualified voters from the City of Granite Shoals, who shall serve two-year staggered terms from date of appointment. The ethics review commission shall select its chairperson during a meeting of the commission."