

AN ORDINANCE

WAIVING PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S ETHICS CODE RELATED TO MAYOR IVY TAYLOR'S PREVIOUS INTEREST IN SAHA-ADMINISTERED HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM CONTRACTS.

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WHEREAS, upon being appointed Mayor by the City Council, Mayor Taylor, as the presiding officer of the governing body, became responsible for the appointment of the SAHA commissioners under Chapter 392 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming Mayor, Councilmember Ivy Taylor's husband, Rodney Taylor, participated as a landlord in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Housing Choice Voucher Program administered by the San Antonio Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, all existing contracts between Mr. Taylor, SAHA and HCVP tenants have since been transferred to the Bexar County Housing Authority which eliminates any current or future conflict of interest or prohibited interests in contracts going forward, as Mayor Taylor has no appointment authority for Bexar County Housing Authority commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Council waive the City's Ethics Code provisions regarding conflicts of interest and prohibited interests in contracts to resolve any technical violation of the Ethics Code which existed prior to the transfer of contracts to the Bexar County housing Authority; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council waives the City's Ethics Code conflict of interest provision of Section 2-43, and the prohibited interests in contracts provision of Section 2-52. This action resolves technical violations of the City's Ethics Code provisions which existed prior to the transfer to the Bexar County Housing Authority of contracts held previously by her husband, Rodney Taylor, with the San Antonio Housing Authority and tenants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. This action further eliminates the basis for an Ethics complaint regarding this issue.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 14th day of January 2016.

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney