

## **Proposition M**

Amending the Charter of the City of Victoria to require city officials to comply with state law regarding conflicts of interest.

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### ARTICLE XII. - GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### **Section 7. - Conflicts of Interest ~~Officers and employees not to be interested in city contracts.~~**

For purposes of this Section the term "City Official" means any individual subject to the requirements of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 171.

It is hereby prohibited for Members of City Council or a City Official to violate the rules and regulations regarding conflicts of interests as set out in the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 171.

~~No member of the City Council or any officer or employee of the City of Victoria shall be directly or indirectly interested in any work, business, or contract, the expense, price or consideration of which is paid from funds of the City or by assessment levied by ordinance or resolution of the City Council; nor be the surety for any person having a contract, work, or business with the City for the performance of which security may be required; nor be the surety on the official bond of any officer of the City of Victoria; nor be pecuniarily interested directly or indirectly in any contract let by the City Council, or in any work done by the City Council, nor in any matter wherein the rights or liabilities of the City of Victoria may be involved, nor have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in the sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service except on behalf of the City as an officer or employee. Any officer or employee of the City of Victoria becoming directly or indirectly interested as aforesaid in any contract, work, purchase, or sale by or with the City of Victoria shall forfeit all right of claim to the title and emoluments of any office which such person may hold in the City. Any violation of this Section with the knowledge, express or implied, of the person or corporation contracting with the City Council shall render the contract involved voidable by the City Manager or by the City Council.~~

#### **Section 8. - Prohibition against participation in franchises.**

~~Should the Mayor or any other member of the City Council, or any elective officer of the City be directly or indirectly, in the employ of any person, firm or corporation holding, or seeking to hold, any franchise from the City of Victoria, or the right to use the City's streets and alleys, or should such officer have received directly, or indirectly, any wage, commission, fee, favor, gift, or payment from such party, he or she shall publicly disclose such interest to the City Council, and the same shall be made a matter of record prior to any consideration or other action in regard to such matter. No elected or appointed officer or employee having any interest as set out above shall vote, render a decision or use his or her position, authority or influence to any degree in regard thereto. Failure to comply with the above shall be deemed malfeasance in office and cause for removal thereof. Violation of this section shall render the granting of such~~

~~franchise, or right to use the City's streets and alleys, or any action taken in connection therewith,  
voidable by the City Council.~~

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