

CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 169

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS,
AMENDING ORDINANCE # 122,
EXPRESSING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR.**

WHEREAS, the City council of the City of Uhlend (“City Council”) seeks to promote a clear understanding of the role of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapters 22.001 the Mayor of a Type A, General-Law City has specific powers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 22.042 powers of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City Council has general authority to adopt an ordinance or police regulation 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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS, THAT:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into the Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor occupies the highest elective office in the municipal government. As political head of the city, the Mayor is expected to provide the leadership necessary to keep it moving in the proper direction.

3. SPECIFIC POWERS OF THE MAYOR

A. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the city council meetings, and except in election, may only vote in the event of a tie vote.

B. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The Mayor shall actively ensure that the laws and ordinances of the City are enforced. The Mayor must also perform all duties prescribed by the City Council.

C. The Mayor has the express powers to declare a local state of disaster and as the emergency management director for the City has statutory powers and duties during an emergency.

D. The Mayor is empowered to inspect the conduct of the officers and employees of the City. This power does not include the power to hire and fire without the approval of the City Council.

E. The Mayor may administer oaths of office (i.e., swearing in ceremonies).

F. The Mayor may sign contracts, deeds, easements bonds and other documents as directed or authorized by the City Council.

G. The Mayor may make appointments to certain vacant offices of the City, other than vacancies on the City Council, subject to confirmation by the City Council and in accordance with state law.

H. The Mayor may call a special council meeting, at the Mayor's discretion or upon the request of three (3) Councilmembers.

I. The Mayor may veto resolutions or ordinances of the City Council. However, state law provides the City council an opportunity to override the Mayor's veto.

J. The City Council may confer additional powers and duties on the Mayor in addition to those provided by state law.

4. OTHER POWERS

Pursuant to Chapter Two (2) of the 2011 Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers

K. Legislative Responsibilities

L. Appointive Powers

M. Law Enforcement

N. Judge of the Municipal Court

O. Signatory Duties

P. Ceremonial Duties

5. REPEALER

To the extent reasonably possible, ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, all ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

6. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this 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 of affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

8. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

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 551.

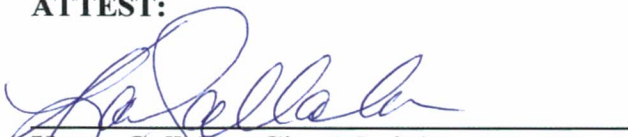
PASSED & APPROVED this 6th day of January 2016, by a vote of 4 Ayes 0 Nays
0 Abstentions of the City of Umland, Texas

CITY OF UHLAND



Bryan Geiger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Gallaher, City Administrator