

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting: December 13, 2018**

Item Number: **010**

**City Clerk**

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-1 (City Boards) relating to board member conduct.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Office of the City Clerk
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	This item has no fiscal impact.
<b>For More Information</b>	Jannette Goodall, City Clerk, 512-974-2210
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	On November 14, 2018, the Ethics Review Commission recommended that a conduct provision not be placed in the City’s Code of Ethics, which is under the ERC’s Jurisdiction. Commission members suggested that the Human Rights Commission review the proposed ordinance. On November 26, 2018 the Human Rights Commission discussed the proposed ordinance but provided no formal recommendation.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The City of Austin’s Personnel Policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and bullying apply to employees of the City of Austin. These policies do not apply to members of city commissions, boards, or task forces. By adding in Chapter 2-1, prohibition from engaging in conduct or using language that is offensive, harassing, or sexually suggestive, this prohibition will now apply to members of city commissions, boards, and task forces.