ORDINANCE NO. 019178

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.94 (REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITES) SECTION 2.94.130 (DISQUALIFICATION FROM CONTRACTING); THE PENALTY BEING AS IN 2.94.130 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent to improve the public's trust in their elected leaders and the manner and quality of the business conducted in the public's name and with the public's resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent to clearly define the relationships that exist between those who stand to gain financially or otherwise from decisions made by the City and those entrusted with conducting the City's business; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend and update Chapter 2.94 (Regulation of Lobbying Activities) Section 2.94.130 (Disqualification from contracting) in order to further the purpose as stated above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF **EL PASO, TEXAS:**

1. That Chapter 2.94 (Regulation of Lobbying Activities) Section 2.94.130 (Disqualification from Contracting be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Any person and/or entity who knowingly or intentionally violates the provisions in Section 2.94.090 of this Code, with respect to the solicitation or award of a discretionary contract may be prohibited by the City Council from entering into any contract with the City for a period of three years.

- 2. Except as herein amended, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) shall remain in full force and effect.
- 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 21 day of April 2021

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