

**A RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE TEXAS CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION
AS IT RELATES TO PARALEGAL AND LAW CLERK MEMBERSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) Constitution provides that the “purpose of this association shall be the general improvement of municipal law administration;” and

WHEREAS, the constitution also provides that the purpose be furthered by the following means: (1) encouraging the cooperation of city attorneys in the practical study of all municipal legal problems; and (2) the holding of annual and semi-annual meetings for the discussion of legal and other questions affecting municipal government; and (3) the practical study of legislation, court decisions, and administrative rulings relating to the public interest of municipal corporations; and

WHEREAS, until the adoption of this resolution, the membership classes under Article III of the constitution all require that a member be duly licensed to practice law in Texas; and

WHEREAS, paralegals who assist municipal attorneys most definitively do so in the interests of the general improvement of municipal law administration; and

WHEREAS, law clerks who assist municipal attorneys do so as well; and

WHEREAS, the TCAA board of directors on February 12, 2016, unanimously approved the submission to the membership of an amendment to the TCAA Constitution to authorize new membership classes in the association for paralegals and law clerks who assist municipal lawyers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Article III of the TCAA Constitution be amended by amending Section 1 and adding new Sections 4 and 5 to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The members of this association shall be active, associate, ~~and~~ honorary, paralegal and law clerk (student).

Section 2. Active Members - Any person duly licensed to practice law in this State who have been duly elected or appointed to the office of city attorney or assistant city attorney of a city, town or village which is an active member of the Texas Municipal League shall be eligible for membership in the association.

Section 2a. Associate Members - Any person duly licensed to practice law in this State who is interested in the representation of municipalities and the

general improvement of municipal law practice and the purpose of the Texas City Attorneys Association.

Section 3. Honorary Members - Honorary members shall be chosen because of distinguished service in the field of municipal law. They shall pay no dues, hold no office, nor vote, and no person who is eligible for active membership in the association shall be chosen as an honorary member. They shall be proposed by at least five (5) active members and shall be elected only upon unanimous recommendation of the executive committee and a majority vote of the members present at any annual or semi-annual meeting of the association. An election of an honorary member shall be cancelled if not accepted within six (6) months after the candidate has received notice of his election.

Section 4. Paralegal Members - Any person who meets the definition of "paralegal" as promulgated by the State Bar of Texas, who is employed by an active, associate, or honorary member, and who is interested in the representation of municipalities and the general improvement of municipal law practice and the purpose of the Texas City Attorneys Association.

Section 5. Law Clerk (Student) Members - Any person who is enrolled at an accredited law school who is interested in the representation of municipalities and the general improvement of municipal law practice and the purpose of the Texas City Attorneys Association.

2. The dues for paralegal and law clerk (student) member classes shall be the same as those for the lowest class of active members (currently \$40 annually for assistant city attorneys).

PASSED AND APPROVED by the TCAA membership this 16th day of June, 2016, at Bastrop, Texas.

APPROVED:

Kathy Davis
President

ATTEST:

Scott Houston
General Counsel