ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL SECTION 2-21 TO ADD PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council of the City of Escondido, California, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Escondido Municipal Code Section 2-21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article 2. City Council

Section 2-21. Time, location of meetings

- (a) The regular meeting time for the Escondido City Council will be on the first four Wednesdays of each month, commencing with closed session items at 3:30 p.m. and a regular public meeting at 4:30 p.m. Such meetings may be canceled from time to time depending on the number of agenda items, availability of council members or related circumstances. Unless publicly noticed otherwise, all meetings shall take place at Escondido City Hall, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.
- (b) The Escondido City Council may adopt rules of decorum and procedure from time to time by means of City Council Resolution. Rules adopted to expedite the transaction of the business of the council in an orderly fashion are deemed to be procedural only and the failure to strictly observe such rules shall not affect the jurisdiction of the council or invalidate any action taken at a meeting that is otherwise held in conformity with law.
- (c) Any person using vulgar, profane, loud or boisterous language at any meeting or otherwise interrupting the proceedings of the council, or who refuses to carry out orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the council meeting, or who interrupts proceedings, shall upon conviction be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (d) The chief of police, or such member of the police department as designated, shall be sergeant-at-arms of the city council, and shall attend meetings at the request of the presiding officer, city manager, or city council, and shall carry out all orders given by the presiding officer or council for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the council meetings.

SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY. If any section, subsection sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 3. That as of the effective date of this ordinance, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to certify to the passage of this ordinance and to cause the same or a summary to be published one time within 15 days of its passage in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Escondido.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido at a regular meeting thereof this 19thth day of March, 2014 by the following vote to wit:

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: Councilmembers: GALLO, MASSON, MORASCO, ABED

NOES

: Councilmembers: DIAZ

ABSENT

: Councilmembers: NONE

APPROVED:

SAM ABED, Mayor of the City of Escondido, California

ATTEST:

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DIANE HALVERSON, City Clerk of the

City of Escondido, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO: ss.

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

I, DIANE HALVERSON, City Clerk of the City of Escondido, hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09 passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Escondido held on the 19 th day of March, 2014, after having been read at the regular meeting of said City Council held on the 12th day of February, 2014.

DIANE HALVERSON, City Clerk of the

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