

CITY OF BASTROP

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023 - 129

**CITY COUNCIL INVESTIGATION OF VISIT BASTROP**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS,  
AUTHORIZING AN INVESTIGATION OF VISIT BASTROP**

**WHEREAS**, Visit Bastrop is a nonprofit corporation functioning as a Destination Marketing Organization serving the City by providing marketing, tourism, promotion, and other services; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, the City of Bastrop has entered into a contractual relationship with Visit Bastrop through which the City makes annual appropriations of Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue to fund the promotion of tourism and marketing of the community and area attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, certain concerns have arisen regarding Visit Bastrop's management; and

**WHEREAS**, potential issues have been raised about certain interactions between particular leaders of the City and of Visit Bastrop; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it has an obligation to evaluate the situation to ensure that public funds are being used appropriately and in accordance with their intended official purpose, and that there is integrity in the municipality's decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Bastrop's Home-Rule Charter, Section 3.11, the City Council has the authority to conduct investigations into City matters and to inquire into the official conduct of any department, agency, office, or employee of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop:**

**Section 1:** The City Council hereby authorizes an investigation by the City Council into the alleged matters identified above.

**Section 2:** The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager (in consultation with the City Attorney) to engage an independent, outside attorney to conduct the investigation and advise the Council on how to best proceed with the investigation and resulting corrective measures and consequences, if necessary.

**Section 3:** The meeting at which this Resolution 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 Texas Open Meetings Act.

**DULY RESOLVED & ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas,  
on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.


**APPROVED:**

  
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John Kirkland, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ann Franklin, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney