

Ordinance No.: 4892

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA
MANDATING THE PROMINENT DISPLAY OF THE OFFICIAL
SEAL OF THE CITY AND THE MOTTO OF THE UNITED
STATES BEHIND THE COMMISSION DIAS; ESTABLISHING
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION;
PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the official seal of the City of Sweetwater and the official motto of the United States are sources of pride for residents, employees and officials of the City; and,

WHEREAS, both should be prominently displayed behind the commission dias as is common with other governing bodies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The above preamble is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended with the addition of the following underscored language as section 2-1(e):

Sec. 2-1. - City seal.

(e) The official seal of the city shall be displayed in the commission chambers, behind the dias and facing the gallery. Above the official seal of the city there shall be displayed in prominent letters the motto of the United States, "In God We Trust". The official seal shall measure no less than three (3) feet in diameter, and be mounted behind the commission president's seat. The official seal and the motto shall be clearly visible and legible from the vantagepoint of someone seated in the chambers' gallery.


Section 3. All ordinances or portions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be repealed upon the effective date hereof.

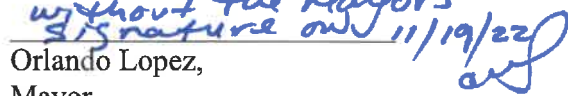
Section 4. It is the intention of the Mayor and the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance be incorporated into the Code of Ordinances; to effect such intention codifiers may change the words "ordinance" or "section" to other appropriate words.

Section 5. If any portion of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance.

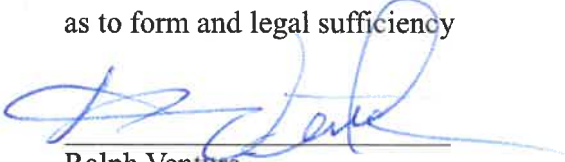
Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Commission and approval by the Mayor or, if vetoed, upon its reenactment by the City Commission as provided by the Charter of the City of Sweetwater.

Attest:


Carmen Garcia,
City Clerk

*Became effective
without the Mayor's
signature on 11/19/22*

Orlando Lopez,
Mayor

as to form and legal sufficiency


Ralph Ventura
City Attorney


Saul Diaz,
Commission President

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| Saul Diaz, President of the City Commission | yes |
| Isidro Ruiz, Vice President of the City Commission | yes |
| Idania Llanio, Commissioner | yes |
| Jose Marti, Commissioner | yes |
| Reinaldo Rey, Commissioner | yes |
| Ian Vallecillo, Commissioner | yes |
| Marcos Villanueva, Commissioner | yes |

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