

Municipal Court and an exact copy should be filed with the City Attorney. Filing of the sworn written complaint with either the Municipal Court or the City Attorney shall invoke the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court for purposes of this Ordinance.

6.02 The City Attorney, or any Assistant City Attorney or any Special Prosecutor hired by the City Attorney, shall promptly institute an investigation into the allegations contained in the sworn complaint. He or she shall have the authority to involve the Harlingen Police Department, any other law enforcement agency, or any other investigative agency or individual to assist in the investigation. Based on the allegations and the results of the investigation, the City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney or Special Prosecutor shall either prosecute the City Official or issue a written report explaining the decision not to prosecute.

6.03 Exclusive jurisdiction for the prosecution of violations of this Ordinance shall lie with the City of Harlingen Municipal Court. In the event that all of the City of Harlingen's Municipal Court Judges find that there is a conflict of interest or other valid reason that they cannot or should not preside over a prosecution under this Ordinance, the Presiding Municipal Court Judge shall appoint a Special Judge, with the consent of the City Attorney, to preside.

## **SECTION 2. Publication; Effective Date.**

The City Secretary of the City of Harlingen, Texas, is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in the official newspaper of the City of Harlingen, Texas in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, which publication shall be sufficient if it contains the caption of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be effective as follows:

1. for all City Officials from the level of Department Directors and, Municipal Court Judges up to and including the Mayor and City Commissioners, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately after the publication requirement of the City Charter is satisfied;
2. for all other City Officials including employees (other than Department Directors) and members and alternate members of City Boards, Commissions and Committees, this Ordinance shall be effective October 1,