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LEAGUE CITY ADOPTS INVOCATION POLICY

Liberty Institute Attorneys Commend City Officials for Adopting Written Policy

LEAGUE CITY, TX, August 27, 2013 — Today, the City Council of League City adopted a model invocation policy drafted by the Liberty Institute. In July, City officials invited Liberty Institute to a council meeting to discuss the constitutionality of public prayer following receipt of a FFRF demand letter misinforming officials that the city's 50-year tradition of praying before public meetings violated the First Amendment.

"We commend Mayor Paulissen and the City Council of League City for adopting a written invocation policy," said Mike Berry, Liberty Institute Attorney, who attended Tuesday night's meeting. "It is important to put into writing what is already being practiced."

Recently, two separate federal appellate courts upheld the constitutionality of invocation policies in the cities of Lancaster, CA, and Lakeland, FL. In November, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in an appeal in *Galloway v. Town of Greece*, which should reaffirm the constitutionality of prayers at public meetings.

"The United States has a history and tradition dating back over 200 years of prayer before public meetings," Berry said. "The first Congress opened their meetings in prayer, and Congress continues to open in prayer as does the Texas Legislature and other state legislatures."

About Liberty Institute

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