

RESOLUTION 79-34

To Adopt a Code of Ethics for City Officials and Employees

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council finds that public office is a public trust and that any effort to realize personal financial gain through public office other than compensation provided by law is a violation of that trust; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that in order to strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of the city in their government, they should be assured that the financial interests of holders of public office present neither a conflict nor the appearance of a conflict with the public trust; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that the goal of sustaining public confidence in government can be furthered by the adoption of a Code of Ethics to provide reasonable standards and guidelines for the ethical conduct of city officials and employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. The following Code of Ethics for City Officials and Employees is adopted:

CODE OF ETHICS FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

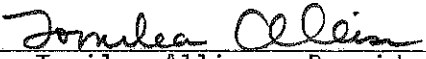
In addition to state provisions on conflicts of interest and official misconduct, all city officials and employees shall be governed by the following standards and guidelines:

- (1) No city official or employee should use his public office or any confidential information received through his holding public office to obtain financial gain other than compensation provided by law.
- (2) No city official or employee should solicit or accept anything of value, including a gift, loan, political contribution, reward, or promise of future employment based on an understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the city official or employee would be influenced thereby.
- (3) No city official or employee should enter into any contract with a governmental body unless the contract has been awarded through an open and public process, including prior public notice and subsequent public disclosure.
- (4) No city official or employee should request or permit the unauthorized use of city-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, facilities, or other property for personal gain or for the gain of others.
- (5) No city official or employee should enter into the decision-making process in dealings by the city or its agencies in any matter in which he has an interest other than the general interest of the community.

Any city official or employee who, in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to take an action that would directly or indirectly affect a financial interest of himself, a member of his immediate family, or a business with which he is associated, other than an interest of a minimal nature or an interest that is not distinct from that of the general public, should either explain the potential conflict to the presiding officer or the employee's supervisor, and ask that he be excused from voting, deliberating, or taking action on the matter, or should explain the potential conflict to the presiding officer or the employee's supervisor and state for the public record why he is able to participate fairly, objectively, and in the public interest despite the potential conflict.

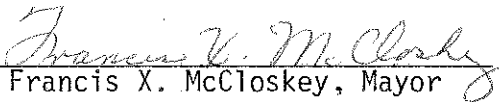
SECTION II. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 6th day of December, 1979.



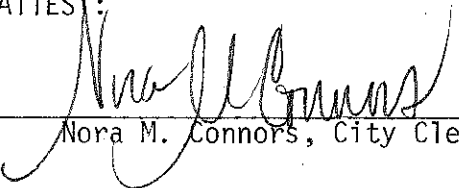
Tomilea Allison, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 12th day of December, 1979.



Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:



Nora M. Connors, City Clerk

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Richardson, adopts a code of ethics for city officials and employees to set guidelines for ethical conduct. The Code specifies the principles to be followed and the procedure to be used in conflict situations.

COMMITTEE REPORT SHEET

Legislative #: Appropriation Ordinance - Ordinance - Resolution 79-34

Title: To Adopt a Code of Ethics of City Officials and Employees

Committee: Joint Mtg. Public Facilities Community Development

Submitted by: Jeff Richardson

Meeting Date: 28 Nov 79

Committee Recommendation:

VOTE OF AYES: 5, NAYS: 0, FOR DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

AS AMENDED

Signatures of Councilmembers:

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