

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEST PRACTICES REGARDING ELECTED OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS, CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION RELATED TO THESE ITEMS BY JUNE 27TH, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to ensure the highest level of ethical behavior among the members of the Independence City Council; and,

WHEREAS, there does not presently exist any limits on campaign contributions at the local level for candidates running for Mayor or City Council; and,

WHEREAS, there is not currently any term limits for the Office of Mayor or City Council; and,

WHEREAS, there is not currently any limits on the sources of campaign contributions at the local level, which could give the impression of a conflict of interest between a candidate for office and donor; and,

WHEREAS, while the City Charter does contain many important restrictions on ethics, there is not currently a Code of Ethics to specifically regulate and guide the behaviors of the Mayor or City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council directs the City Manager to research local government best practices regarding the following: Code of Ethics for elected officials, campaign contribution limits, elimination of conflicts of interest, term limits for the Mayor and City Council.

SECTION 2. That the City Council further directs the City Manager to report the best manner to adopt and implement these ethical guidelines, including placement in the City Council Rules of Procedure, the City Code of Ordinances, and the Independence City Charter.

SECTION 3. That the City Council further directs the City Manager to provide a report and recommendations on these ethical guidelines no later than June 27th, 2022.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager