

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION CREATING A SEVEN-MEMBER MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ON ETHICS REFORM.

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, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, the Independence City Council adopted Resolution 6803 which directed 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, and investigative powers for the City of Independence Board of Ethics; and,

WHEREAS, while the City Charter does contain many important restrictions on ethics, it does not specifically regulate the aforementioned issues which guide the behaviors of the Mayor or City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a commission to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the best practices for these ethical matters;

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

SECTION 1. That a Mayor's Advisory Commission on Ethics Reform is hereby created by the City Council of the City of Independence.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Ethics Reform shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council.

SECTION 3. That the composition of the commission is established as follows: two members from the Independence Board of Ethics, two former members of the Independence City Council, one member of the Independence Ministerial Alliance, and two community members at-large.

SECTION 4. That the members of the Commission shall be residents of or have their principal place of business in the City of Independence.

SECTION 5. That the purpose of the Commission is to:

1. Research and review local government best practices regarding code of ethics for elected officials, campaign contribution restrictions, term limits for elected officials, addressing conflicts of interest, and investigative powers for the Board of Ethics.
2. Make recommendations in each of these topical areas, including recommendations for implementation.
3. Provide their findings and recommendations to the City Charter Review Commission for those items deemed to be best addressed in the City Charter.
4. Serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the establishment and implementation of ethics policies, programs, and enforcement.

SECTION 6. That this Commission shall sunset no later than six months from the date of the first Commission meeting.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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