



City of Independence, Missouri

Ethics Code

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DIVISION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY

Sec. 2-41. Statement of purpose.

It is essential in a democratic system that the public has confidence in the integrity, independence, and impartiality of those who act on their behalf in government. Such confidence depends not only on the conduct of those who exercise official power, but on the availability of aid or redress to all persons on equal terms and on the accessibility and dissemination of information relating to the conduct of public affairs.

For the purpose of promoting confidence in the government of the City and thereby enhancing the City's ability to function effectively, this Code of Ethics is adopted. The Code of Ethics establishes standards of conduct, disclosure requirements, and enforcement mechanisms relating to City officials and employees and others whose actions affect public faith in City government, such as former City officials and employees, candidates for public office, persons doing business with the City, and lobbyists. By