

**AN ORDINANCE READOPTING SECTIONS 105.020, 105.030, 105.040, AND 105.050
PERTAINING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of De Soto, Missouri, heretofore re-adopted Sections 105.020, 105.030, 105.040, and 105.050 being the Code of Ethics of the City of De Soto, which Ordinance was enacted on August 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Ethics Commission has advised the City of the need to readopt said Code of Ethics by September 15th of each year and to mail a copy of said readopted Ordinance to said Commission within ten (10) days of said readoption, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to readopt Sections 105.020, 105.030, 105.040, and 105.050 as the Code of Ethics for the City of De Soto, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. The proper operation of government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there, is hereby, established a procedure for disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the City.

Section 2. Conflicts of Interest.

- a. All elected and appointed official, as well as employees of a political subdivision must comply with Section 105.454 of Missouri Revised Statutes on conflicts of interest, as well as, any other state law governing official conduct.
- b. Any member of the governing body of a political subdivision who has a "substantial or private interest" in any measure, bill, order or ordinance proposed or pending before such governing body must disclose that interest to the Secretary or Clerk of such body and such disclosure shall be recorded in the appropriate journal of the governing body. Substantial or private interest is defined as ownership by the individual, his spouse, or his dependent children, whether singularly or collectively, directly or indirectly of;
 - (1) Ten percent (10%) or more of any business entity; or
 - (2) An interest having a value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more; or
 - (3) The receipt of a salary, gratuity, or other compensation or remuneration of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more, per year from any individual, partnership, organization, or association within any calendar year.

Section 3. Disclosure Reports. Each elected official, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief Purchasing Officer, and the full-time general counsel shall disclose the following information by May first (1st) if any such transactions occurred during the previous calendar year:

- a. For such person, and all persons within the first (1st) degree of consanguinity of affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), if any, that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee, or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.
- b. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision, or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.
- c. The Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Purchasing Officer also shall disclose by May first (1st) for the previous calendar year the following information.
 - (1) The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more was received during the year covered by the statement.
 - (2) The name and address of each sole proprietorship that he owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or co-participant for each partnership or joint venture, unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the Secretary of State; the name, address, and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent (10%) or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited partnership units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership that is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which the person owned two percent (2%) or more of any class of outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests.
 - (3) The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer, or receiver.

Section 4. Filing of Reports.

a. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no person is required to file more than one (1) financial interest statement in any calendar year.

(1) Every person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the statement annually not later than May first (1st) and the statement shall cover the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December thirty-first (31st); provided that any member of the City Council may supplement the financial interest statement to report additional interests acquired after December thirty-first (31st) of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement.

(2) Each person appointed to office shall file the statement within thirty (30) days of such appointment or employment.

b. Financial disclosure reports giving the financial information required in Section 3 shall be filed with the local political subdivision and with the Missouri Ethics Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

Section 5. Filing of Ordinance. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the Missouri Ethics Commission within ten (10) days of its adoption.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the City Council.

READ BY TITLE ONLY TWO TIMES, COPIES OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE HAVING BEEN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE BILL WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI, THIS 15th DAY OF JULY 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]

City Clerk

