BILL NO. 2024-2093

AN ORDINANCE TO READOPT CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRONTENAC, MISSOURI REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 105, Revised Statutes of Missouri, each official, officer, employee or candidate of any political subdivision shall be required to file annually with the Missouri Ethics Commission a financial interest statement to disclose any possible conflicts of interest they may have with the political subdivision that they are serving, unless the political subdivision biennially adopts an ordinance which establishes and makes public its own method of disclosing potential conflicts of interest; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Frontenac has determined that information concerning possible conflicts of interest should be available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen believe it is appropriate to reaffirm the method of disclosing potential conflicts of interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRONTENAC, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE.

Chapter 125 of Title I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Frontenac, Missouri, is hereby readopted in its entirety, to read as follows:

TITLE I:

GOVERNMENT CODE

CHAPTER 125:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

SECTION 125.010:

DECLARATION OF POLICY.

The proper operation of municipal 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 125.020: CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

The Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen who have a substantial personal or private interest, as defined by State law, in any proposed ordinance or resolution shall disclose on the records of the Board of Aldermen the nature of his/her interest and shall disqualify himself/herself from voting on any matters relating to this interest.

SECTION 125.030 DISCLOURE REPORTS.

- A. Each elected official, each candidate for elective office, and each member of the Architectural Review Board, Board of Adjustment, Public Works Committee, Ways and Means Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Purchasing Officer shall disclose the following information annually:
 - 1. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or 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 transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision; and
 - 2. 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, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision; and
 - 3. 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; and

- The name and address of each sole proprietorship that he owned; the name, address and 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 coparticipant 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; and
- 5. The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver.

SECTION 125.040 FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENTS - WHEN FILED.

- A. The financial disclosure statements on forms provided by the Missouri Ethics Commission shall be filed at the following times, but, except as required by subsection 4, below, no person is required to file more than one financial disclosure statement in any calendar year:
 - 1. Each candidate for elective office shall file a financial disclosure statement no later than fourteen (14) days after the close of filing for the election for which the candidate seeks election and such statement shall be for the twelve (12) months prior to that closing date.
 - 2. Each person appointed to office or employed in a covered position who is required to file under Section **125.030**, above, shall file the statement within thirty (30) days of appointment or employment and such statement shall be for the twelve

- (12) months prior to the person's date of appointment or employment;
- 3. Every other person required to file a financial disclosure statement shall file the statement annually not later than May 1 of each year, and the statement shall cover the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided, that person required to file under Section 125.030, above, may supplement the financial disclosure statement to report additional interests acquired after December 31 of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement.
- 4. If the reportable circumstances stated in the disclosure statement most recently filed by any person required to file under Section 125.030, above, shall change such person shall file an updated and revised statement within thirty (30) days to disclose the updated circumstances.

SECTION 125.050 PENALTY.

Any person violating any part of this Chapter shall be prosecuted under the general penalty ordinance of the City of Frontenac as set forth at Section 100.140 of the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION TWO.

The City Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Missouri Ethics Commission office within ten days of its adoption.

SECTION THREE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSON OF THE CITY OF FRONTENAC, MISSOURI, THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

Rote Hatfield
Presiding Officer

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Leesa Ross, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

Kate Hatfield, Mayor

Attest:

Leesa Ross, City Clerk