

ORDINANCE NO. 85-8

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE GALENA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR, AND PROVIDING SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 85-6 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GALENA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: General

- A. By the virtue of their election to and acceptance of a position of public trust, the Mayor and members of the Galena City Council should not and shall not do anything which reflects unfavorably upon their official status.
- B. This Ordinance is enacted to provide certain minimum guidance to the Mayor and members of the Galena City Council regarding conduct proper to their position.

SECTION 2: Fair and Equal Treatment

- A. No member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor shall grant or make available to any person any consideration, treatment, advantage or favor beyond that which is available to the public at large.
- B. No member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor shall request, use or permit the use of any City owned or City supported property, equipment or service for the private advantage of himself or any other person unless such usage is available to the public at large.

SECTION 3: Conflict of Interest

- A. No member of the Galena City Council, or the Mayor shall have a personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the City, beyond the general interest of any other citizen of the City.
- B. Any contract in violation of this section shall be null and void.
- C. No member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor shall directly or indirectly purchase City property unless at a public sale or auction or by sealed bids.

SECTION 4: Gifts and Favors

- A. No member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor shall accept any gift or favor from any person which, if publicly disclosed, would create a reasonable impression that said gift or favor would influence the councilmember's or Mayors official duties.

SECTION 5: Confidential Information

- A. No member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor shall use or permit the use of any confidential information acquired by the member in his official position to advance the financial or personal interest of himself or any other person.

SECTION 6: Interference

- A. No member of the Galena City Council shall, except for the purpose of inquiring or fact-finding, deal directly with or issue orders to any City employee unless with the approval and under the direction of the Council as a whole.

SECTION 7: Immoral Conduct

- A. No member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor shall continue to hold office if convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

SECTION 8: Sanctions

- A. Any member of the Galena City Council or the Mayor found to have violated this Ordinance can be subjected to censure, suspension, or removal from office.

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- B. Upon majority vote of the entire Council, said member ~~or mayor~~ shall be presented with a written statement specifically detailing the charges and a date shall be set for a public hearing on the charges. Said members ~~or mayor~~ shall be entitled to be represented by legal council to present evidence, and to cross-examine all witnesses. At the conclusion of the hearing, sanctions can only be imposed by an affirmative vote of 3/4 of the members of the entire Council.

SECTION 9: New Members

- A. A copy of this Ordinance shall be provided by the City Clerk to all newly elected Mayors or members of the Galena City Council.

SECTION 10: Effective Date

- A. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication in the Official City Newspaper.

SECTION 11: Repealing Clause

- A. That Ordinance 85-6 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Passed by the Council this 17th day of December, 1985.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

John O. Stephenson
John O. Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Haynes
Cheryl Haynes, City Clerk

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