



Legislation Text

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Ordinance - Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Chapter 30, "Personnel" of the Code of Mansfield, Texas by Amending the Code of Ethics and Conduct for City Elected Officials and Board and Committee Members

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The City Attorney's office has reviewed the city's current Ethics Ordinance and has proposed the following changes:

30.41 DEFINITIONS.

Family Member

Proposing deleting the definition for "Family Member" as that term is not used anywhere in the ordinance and also creates confusion by including those relate in the second degree of consanguinity. The provisions of the ordinance only deal with first degree of consanguinity.

Sustantial Interest

Proposing changing the amount on Subsection A-1 from \$2,500 to \$15,000 in conformance with state law. Proposing deleting Subsections A-3 as it is addressed in Subsection 3, and A-4 as it addressed in Subsection 4. The current Subsection A-4 is inconsistent with Subsection 4 and other provisions of the ordinance.

Proposing removing the words "any person, group or" from Subsections A-8 and A-9 as this limits the relationship to the business entity.

30.45 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST.

(A) Reduce this paragraph to one sentence "Every officer or advisory member must file a conflicts disclosure statement as required by Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code." Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code was enacted after the city's ethics ordinance was adopted. It requires local government officials to file a conflicts disclosure to disclose the receipt of gifts from and employment, business, and familial relationships with vendors who conduct business, or consider conducting business with the city. The purpose of this amendment is to update the ordinance to match with state law and to reduce the amount of forms that should be filed.

To bring the ordinance into compliance with state law.

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