

RESOLUTION No. R2021-xxxxx
**A RESOLUTION OF WASHINGTON CITY REGARDING FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

WHEREAS, Washington City, its Mayor and City Council, wish to avoid situations in which Washington City's employees or elected officials derive a personal or financial benefit from actions or decisions made within their official capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Washington City Council desires to amend certain sections of Washington City Code to provide definition and guidance to employees and elected officials regarding conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Washington City Council desires to establish a municipal ethics commission, as permitted under Utah Code 10-3-1311(1); and

WHEREAS, the Washington City Council desires to define and incorporate ethical standards into its purchasing policy; and

WHEREAS, the Washington City Council desires to develop a conflict of interests declaration form wherein elected officials will make annual statement of potential personal interests and financial conflicts that may arise during the elected officials' service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED that the Washington City Council do hereby instruct staff to undertake and prepare the following actions for consideration by the Mayor and City Council of Washington City and to further the desires of this Resolution:

(i) Municipal Ethics Commission: Prepare and present to the Mayor and City Council a proposed plan for the establishment of a municipal ethics commission for Washington City, as such is authorized by Utah Code 10-3-1311(1).

(ii) Amend City Ordinance on Council Ethical Standards: Prepare and present to the Mayor and City Council proposed amendments to Washington City Code 1-5-7 that add definitions for the terms "personal financial gain" and "personal conflict" and that remove an elected official's right to vote on any matter wherein that official has disclosed a conflict of interest.

(iii) Amend City Ordinance on Purchasing Policy: Prepare and present to the Mayor and City Council proposed amendments to Washington City Code 1-9-1 through 1-9-3 that incorporate financial and personal conflict of interest definitions of the Utah Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act and the Washington City Ethical Standards for Elected Officials.

(iv) Declaration Statement. Prepare and present to Mayor and City Council a proposed elected officials annual declaration statement regarding personal and financial conflicts of interests.

PASSED AND APPROVED, on this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Washington City

Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

Attest:

Danice B. Bulloch, MMC
City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON CITY, UTAH:

_____ Douglas Ward	☐ Aye	☐ Nay
_____ Roger Bundy	☐ Aye	☐ Nay
_____ F. Kress Staheli	☐ Aye	☐ Nay
_____ Craig Coats	☐ Aye	☐ Nay
_____ Kurt F. Ivie	☐ Aye	☐ Nay