

CITY OF LYNNWOOD

City of Lynnwood

ORDINANCE NO. 2112

DEC 20 2000

SCANNED

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS AS IT PERTAINS TO PERSONAL GAIN OR PROFIT, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the proper operation of democratic government requires that public officers and employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made within 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;

WHEREAS, in recognition of these goals, a code of ethics for all city officers and employees should be adopted. The purpose of this code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such officers and employees by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the City, by directing disclosure by such officers and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the City, and by adopting rules to prevent conflicts of interests in public office, and to otherwise provide for ethical standards;

WHEREAS, Chapter 42.23 RCW - Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers - Contract Interests establishes ethical standards that the City desires to implement with specific guidelines, including guidelines that allows generally recognized acceptance of nominal gifts in certain situations; and

WHEREAS, the high ethical standards that apply to state officials and employees, pursuant to Chapter 42.52 RCW - Ethics in Public Service, are standards the City Council desires to make applicable to City employees and officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lynnwood do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts and enacts the Code of Ethics as it Pertains to Personal Gain or Profit, Conflict of Interest, Acceptance of Gifts, Campaign Activities, and Confidential Information for City Officials and City Employees set forth on the attached Exhibit A which is incorporated by reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The administration shall codify the Code of Ethics as it Pertains to Personal Gain or Profit, Conflict of Interest, Acceptance of Gifts, Campaign Activities, and Confidential Information for City Officials and City Employees into a new Chapter 2.94 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code.

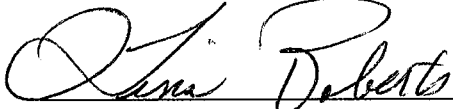
Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Code of Ethics as it Pertains to Personal Gain or Profit, Conflict of Interest, Acceptance of Gifts, Campaign Activities, and Confidential Information for City Officials and

City Employees shall take effect on March 1, 1997, which is more than five (5) days after the passage and publication of this Ordinance or an approved summary.

This effective date of March 1, 1997, is necessary to coordinate with the selection of members and alternates for the Board of Ethics, whose appointments are intended to take place upon the effective date of this Ordinance, and also, to provide a period of time for those persons covered by this Code to become familiar with the Code. This effective date may be modified by subsequent Ordinance providing for a different date in the event that selection of members and alternates is delayed.

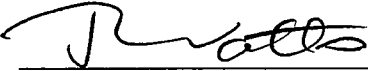
PASSED this 25th day of November, 1996, and signed in authentication of its passage this 26th day of November, 1996.


TINA ROBERTS, Mayor

ATTEST:


PAUL W. MENTER, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JOHN P. WATTS, City Attorney

PUBLISHED: