

CITY OF LYNNWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 836

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR GATHERING, ANALYZING AND PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION TO LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is determined by the City Council of the City of Lynnwood that the study and collection of information, data and opinions on the administrative and enforcement efficiency and costs attendant therewith and the societal effects of proposed, pending or enacted legislation is necessary for legislative planning or revision, and that a prompt, informative response to inquiries from legislators and public administrators, and attendance at legislative committee hearings, relating to the effect of legislation on municipal finances, services and authority, is necessary and helpful to the legislator in the enlightened performance of the legislative function and serves the best interests of the citizens and the public, and is declared to be a municipal purpose.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to designate city employees or representatives to collect, accumulate and analyze information concerning the effect of enacted legislation or the anticipated effect of proposed or pending legislation; to consult with employees or representatives of other municipalities or counties or associations thereof; to respond and provide data and information and give testimony to state legislators, legislative committees, state administrative officers, or other municipalities investigating the city's experience or anticipated costs, benefits or problems from such enacted or proposed legislation.

Section 3. In all matters in which an official, staff employee, or other representative appears on behalf of the city, such representative shall observe, carry out or support the known relevant policies of the City Council and shall consult the Mayor or the City Council for advice and guidance when required. All such informational activity shall be conducted with prudence and good judgment and within all legal regulation of such activity. Such representative shall not have any authority to make any statements, commitments or promises binding upon the city, but may speak to influence the passage, defeat or amendment of legislation affecting the city in accordance with the policy or position approved by the city council.

Section 4. While engaged in such informational, educational and testimonial activity, a city employee shall continue to receive his or her current salary as a city employee. No additional compensation shall be paid or accrue to an elected official during his or her term of office with the City for such research, informational or

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lobbying services to this city. An employee or official shall receive reimbursement for the reasonable costs of travel, lodging, and personal meals reasonably incurred in the course of such service, in accordance with the city's regular policies and rates as to such reimbursement.

Section 5. No expenditures from city funds for the hosting, entertainment or campaign assistance of any legislator or state officer shall be authorized, expended or reimbursed.


Section 6. The city's employee or representative in such informational or lobbying activities shall comply fully with all state regulations relating to ethical practices and conduct, and comply with all regulations relating to the reporting of expenditures in connection therewith.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and legal publication.

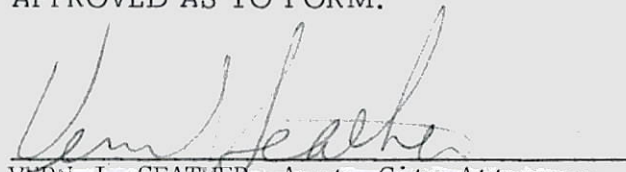
PASSED by the City Council this 8th day of March, 1976, and signed in authentication of its passage this 8th day of March, 1976.


M. J. HRDLICKA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


R. W. NOACK, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


VERN J. SEATHER, Asst. City Attorney

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