

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR DISCLOSING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, (“City” or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, if the City’s annual budget is over one million dollars (\$1M), the City is required to re-adopt a conflict of interest ordinance every two (2) years prior to the Missouri Ethics Commission’s annual deadline of September 15th; and

WHEREAS, the City last adopted a conflict of interest ordinance on August 18, 2020, in Bill No. 20-27; and

WHEREAS, after the ordinance is approved, in order for it to go into full effect, the ordinance must be forwarded to the Missouri Ethics Commission within ten (10) days of passage by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: **Declaration of Policy:** The proper operation of government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in 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. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a procedure for disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the City.

Section 2: **Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. All elected and appointed officials, as well as employees of a political subdivision, must comply with Section 105.454 of Missouri Revised Statutes on conflicts of interest as well as any other state law governing official conduct.
- b. Any member of the governing body of a political subdivision who has a “substantial or private interest” in any measure, bill, order or ordinance proposed or pending before such governing body must disclose that interest to the secretary or clerk of such body and such disclosure shall be recorded in the appropriate journal of the governing body. Substantial or private interest is defined as ownership by the individual, his spouse, or his dependent children, whether singularly or collectively, directly or indirectly of: (1) ten percent (10%) or more of any business entity; or (2) an interest having a value of \$10,000.00 or more; or (3) the receipt of a salary, gratuity, or other compensation or remuneration of \$5,000.00 or more, per year

from any individual, partnership, organization, or association within any calendar year.

Section 3: **Disclosure Reports:** Each elected official, candidate for elective office, the chief administrative officer, the chief purchasing officer, and the full-time general counsel shall disclose the following information by May 1, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487 RSMo., if any such transactions occurred during the previous calendar year.

- a. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity of affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.
- b. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision.
- c. The chief administrative officer, chief purchasing officer, and candidates for either of these positions also shall disclose by May 1, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487, RSMo., the following information for the previous calendar year:
 - i. The name and address of each employer(s) of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more was received during the year covered by the statement;
 - ii. The name and address of each sole proprietorship that such person owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which such person was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or co-participant for each partnership or joint venture unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the Secretary of State; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent (10%) or more of any class of outstanding stock or limited partnership units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership that is listed on a regulated stock exchange or

automated quotation system in which the person owned two percent (2%) or more of any class or outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;

- iii. The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer, or receiver.

Section 4: **Filing of Reports:**

- a. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no person is required to file more than one financial interest statement in any calendar year;
 - i. Every person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the statement annually not later than May 1 and the statement shall cover the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided that any member of the City Council may supplement the financial interest statement to report additional interests acquired after December 31 of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement;
 - ii. Each person appointed to office, shall file the statement within thirty (30) days of such appointment or employment covering the calendar year ending the previous December 31;
 - iii. Every candidate required to file a personal financial disclosure statement shall file no later than fourteen days after the close of filing at which the candidate seeks nomination or election or nomination by caucus. The time period of this statement shall cover the twelve months prior to the closing date of filing for candidacy.
- b. Financial disclosure reports giving the financial information required in Section 3 shall be filed with the local political subdivision and with the Missouri Ethics Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

Section 5: **Filing of Ordinance:** A certified copy of this ordinance, adopted prior to September 15th, shall be sent within ten (10) days of its adoption to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Section 6: **Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and shall remain in effect to the next filing period as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Attest:

Matt Russell, Mayor

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: