

## City of Stonecrest

### Ethics Ordinance Discussion

#### City Council Work Session

##### **Filing of complaints.**

###### ***Option 1: Proposed language***

Any person may initiate a complaint of a violation of this ethics ordinance by submitting to the city clerk a written, verified and sworn complaint under penalty of perjury.

###### ***Option 2: Current language***

Only residents of the city may file a complaint under this article. A complaint filed by a nonresident shall not be acted upon.

##### **Action upon complaints.**

###### ***Option 1: Proposed language***

Appointments to the Board shall be made by the mayor and city council, the governing authority of the City. Nominations may be made by the following organizations:

- (1) Bar Association may nominate one member, chosen from the attorney members of the association;
- (2) Bar Association may nominate one member, chosen from the attorney members of the association;
- (3) Business League may nominate one member, chosen from the organizations that are members of the league, which member shall not be an attorney;
- (4) Chamber of Commerce may nominate one member from the organizations that are members of the chamber, which member shall not be an attorney;
- (5) DeKalb Civic Org. may nominate one member, which member shall not be an attorney;
- (6) DeKalb Civic Org. may nominate one member, which member shall not be an attorney nor an officer of a neighborhood planning unit;
- (7) The major universities/colleges within the city may collectively nominate one member;
- (8) Non-Profit may nominate one member, chosen from the members of the association;

(9) Non-Profit may nominate one member, chosen from the members of the society, which member shall not be an attorney.

The Board's decision shall be final, and there shall be no right to any additional administrative appeals.

***Option 2***

The city clerk shall appoint a hearing officer according to the qualifications detailed herein within thirty (30) days of the filing of the complaint and shall transmit the contact information of said hearing officer to the complainant and respondent.

The hearing officer shall make a written determination of findings and penalty.

***Option 3***

The city clerk shall appoint a hearing officer according to the qualifications detailed herein within thirty (30) days of the filing of the complaint and shall transmit the contact information of said hearing officer to the complainant and respondent.

The hearing officer's written determination of findings and recommendations shall be delivered to the city clerk, who shall provide a copy to the city manager and the mayor and council.

Upon receipt of findings and recommendations from the hearing officer, the mayor and council shall accept or reject findings.

***Option 4: Current language***

The mayor and council shall hear and render decisions on all ethics complaints filed with the city. The mayor and council shall render a final decision on the ethics complaint at an open meeting.

**Scope of persons covered.*****Option 1: Proposed language***

The provisions of this code of ethics shall be applicable to the mayor, all members of the city council, all appointed members of boards, commissions, authorities, committees and other similar bodies, and all employees.

***Option 2: Current language***

The provisions of this code of ethics shall be applicable to the mayor, all members of the city council, all appointed members of boards, commissions, authorities and other similar bodies, and all employees.

**Penalty.*****Option 1: Current language***

1. Public reprimand and/or censure by the mayor and council;
2. A fine greater than \$100.00 but less than \$500.00; and
3. Request for resignation by the mayor and council.