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**Bill No: 26-
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Ordinance No:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, TO RE-ESTABLISH A
PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND
SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS.**

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, in recognition of these goals, there is hereby re-established a procedure for disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the City of Willard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen are allowed, pursuant to Section 105.483 and Section 105.485 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, to adopt their own ordinance regarding conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, when the Board of Aldermen adopt the conflict of interest ordinance biannually before September 15th, the City is excluded from the requirement of filing financial statements as required in Section 105.485.2 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen last adopted the conflict of interest ordinance on January 13th day of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen as an act of compliance with Sections 105.483 and 105.485 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri desires to adopt and reaffirm the requirements for a conflict of interest ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF WILLARD, 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 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 of Willard.

Section 2. Conflicts of Interest All elected and appointed officials as well as employees of the City of Willard shall comply with Chapter 105, RSMo. Any member of the governing body who has a substantial personal or private interest in any measure, bill, order or ordinance proposed or pending before such governing body shall disclose that interest to the City Clerk and such disclosure shall be recorded in the official minutes. Substantial personal or private interest shall have the meaning provided in Chapter 105, RSMo.

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 make the disclosures required by Section 105.485 and related provisions of Chapter 105, RSMo., including reportable transactions in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), when applicable by May 1, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487 RSMo, if any such transactions occurred during the previous calendar year.

Section 4. Filing of Reports

Financial Interest Statements shall be filed annually by May 1, within thirty (30) days of appointment to office when required, and by candidates no later than fourteen (14) days after the close of filing. Reports shall be filed with the City of Willard and the Missouri Ethics Commission as required by law and shall be available for public inspection as provided by law.

Section 5. Filing of Ordinance

A certified copy of this Ordinance, adopted prior to September 15, shall be sent within ten (10) days of 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 for two (2) years from the date of passage.

Troy Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney Myers, City Clerk

