

Recommended Changes for Denton's Ethics Ordinance

- 1) Remove City ethics ordinance section 2-273 (a) and replace with City employees ethical code Section I Conflicts of Interest and II Private interest
- 2) Look at city ordinance section 2-273 (b) (c) and (d) to determine if they still fit in the resulting document
- 3) Replace 'employee' with 'city official' wherever it occurs.
- 4) Remove all references to pending matter from ethics code.
- 5) Remove all reference to 'burden of proof' from city ethics ordinance.
- 6) Remove duty to report Section 2-272 (a) from city ethics ordinance.
- 7) Renumber everything as appropriate.
- 8) Add: City council members should not contact Board of Ethics members about BoE matters.
- 9) Add: Potential board members should be interviewed and selected by a full Board of Ethics panel.

The reason is that board members should not have a particular attachment to a council member.