

RESOLUTION NO. R2009- 015

TITLE IV. RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL ETHICS COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. History of the City Council Ethics Committee and findings.

- A. On September 7, 2004, the Denton City Council established the City Council Ethics Committee by Ordinance No. 2004-255, which is being rescinded by Ordinance No. 2009-137 adopted on this date, to act as an advisory body to the Denton City Council on issues that may arise under the Ethics Policy for the City of Denton.
- B. The Denton City Council finds that it is in the public interest to re-establish the Committee as a standing committee of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Re-establishment of the City Council Ethics Committee and statement of duties and purpose of the Committee.

- A. The City Council hereby re-establishes the City Council Ethics Committee as a standing committee of the City Council. The Committee shall consist of three (3) City Council members to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Denton, and approved by the Denton City Council. The City Manager, or his or her designee, shall serve as the recording secretary to the Committee and shall provide such administrative services as necessary.
- B. The Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council until successors are duly appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Denton City Council. The presiding officer of the Committee shall be chosen annually by the Committee. Members of the Committee must be current elected City Council members of the City of Denton, Texas.
- C. The duties and purpose of the Committee shall be to advise the Denton City Council on the Ethics Policy and to gather information from the Citizens of Denton regarding the Ethics Policy, conduct hearings and inquiries as herein set forth and consider other matters as delegated by the City Council.

SECTION 3. Any person, including, any Elected or Appointed Official of the City of Denton, or any person acting on behalf of a public or private entity may request the Committee to consider an issue arising under the Ethics Policy by filing a written Notice of Potential Violation, ("Notice"), of the Ethics Policy with the City Secretary. The City Secretary shall make a copy of the Notice and provide a copy of the Notice to the Elected or Appointed Official who is named in the Notice, and to the Chair of the Committee. Within thirty days, the Chair shall place the notice on the Agenda of the Committee and the Committee shall provide notice of the meeting to the Elected or Appointed Official, and meet and conduct hearings, as necessary. The Committee may, in its discretion, determine to advise the City Council on the Notice. The Committee may extend this time period if the Committee needs additional information in order to properly advise the City Council regarding any issues raised in the Notice.