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Parnell Calls for City Ethics Reform

New plan is the first of Parnell's good government initiatives

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SUMTER - Sumter Candidate for Mayor Archie Parnell launched the first initiative in his good government platform calling for a new City Ethics Code to usher in a new day of trust and transparency at City Hall.

“Now more than ever we need to be able to trust that our government and ensure our elected officials serve all the people,” says Parnell. **“Cities like Columbia and Charlotte have already passed measures like this and the people of Sumter deserve no less.**

“Not all in our federal and state governments may not take ethics seriously. But I do. We are not for sale.”

As Mayor of Sumter, Parnell will push for a City Ethics Code that:

- Abolishes Executive Session unless required for legal or personnel matters.
- Bans for-profit organizations with City Council Members, including the Mayor, on their boards from receiving city funding or grants.
- Prohibits Council Members, including the Mayor, and City Department Heads from benefiting financially from city decisions and/or contracts.
- Provides a clear ethics complaint process to supplement the SC Ethics Commission with whistleblower protections.

Parnell has made good government reforms that ensure the City of Sumter treats every citizen with fairness and respect a central part of his campaign for Mayor.