

## ORDINANCE 22-009

### **AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF KINGSTON SPRINGS, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 4, BY AMENDING LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 1-405, 1-407 OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 1-412**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kingston Springs Board of Commissioners has previously adopted an Ethics Policy as set forth in Title I, Section 4 of the Town of Kingston Springs Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to make certain amendments to portions of said Ethics Policy as set forth in said Code.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON SPRINGS, TENNESSEE, THAT**

Title 1, Chapter 4 of the Town Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

Section 1-405 shall be amended to include language such that it shall hereafter state as follows:

**1-405. Acceptance of gratuities, etc.** An official or employee may not accept, directly or indirectly, any money, gift, gratuity, or other consideration or favor of any kind from anyone other than the municipality over the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00):

- (1) For the performance of an act, or refraining from performance of an act, that he/she would be expected to perform, or refrain from performing, in the regular course of his/her duties; or
- (2) That might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence his action, or reward him/her for past action, in executing municipal business.

Section 1-407 shall be amended such that it shall include language such that it shall hereafter state as follows:

#### **1-407. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc.**

- (1) An official or employee may not use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to him/herself. An official or employee may use a facility of the Town of Kingston Springs for his or her own personal use only upon express permission by the City Manager. An official or employee may not use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to him/herself, except to the extent that the use is incidental or de minimis or is lawfully available to the general public.
- (2) An official or employee may not use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to any private person or entity,

except as authorized by legitimate contract or lease that is determined by the governing body to be in the best interests of the municipality.

A new section 1-412 shall be included as follows:

**1-412. Appearance of impropriety.** At all times, every Town of Kingston Springs employee or official, whether elected or appointed, shall conduct him/herself in a manner so as to avoid even the appearance of any impropriety.

This Ordinance shall take effect the later of the date that is 15 days after its passage or upon publication of this Ordinance or its caption, the public welfare demanding it.

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