

RESOLUTION NO. 1986-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ETHICS BOARD TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO ETHICAL CONDUCT IN MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Winter Park has recognized the importance of high standards of ethical conduct to a healthy community, and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to take a proactive approach to insuring such ethical conduct, and

WHEREAS, an Ethics Board is desired to make recommendations regarding ethical policies and practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of Winter Park, Florida that:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Winter Park hereby establishes a board to be known as the Ethics Board. The Board shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Commission. Members of the Ethics Board shall be residents of the city chosen with consideration of diverse representation. They shall be persons in a position to represent the public interest over interests of particular groups or individuals. Appointees shall have demonstrated high moral character and the ability to make sound judgments.

Appointment to the board shall be made for three (3) year staggered terms. A member may be reappointed by the mayor for one (1) successive term upon approval of the City Commission. The initial Board shall consist of one (1) member with a term expiring May, 2009, two (2) members with terms expiring May, 2010, and two (2) members with terms expiring May, 2011. Members of the Ethics Board shall serve without compensation.

Legal counsel to the Board shall be appointed by the City Commission to attend meetings of the Board and to act in the capacity of advisor to the Board.

Members of the Ethics Board may be removed by the City Commission for any reason but they shall be removed for failure to attend two regular meetings in any one year without excuse. Resignations shall be in writing and delivered to the

mayor. Vacancies shall be filled promptly with appointees serving the unexpired terms of the members they replace.

Section 2. Officers.

The Ethics Board shall annually select a chair and vice-chair from among the board members. A person designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary to the board but shall not be entitled to vote and shall not be included in constituting a quorum.

A majority of the Ethics Board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present shall be required for any action to be taken.

Section 3. Meetings.

The Ethics Board shall meet for the purpose of conducting such business as may properly come before the board.

All meetings and proceedings of the board shall be open to the public and notice of all meetings shall be posted in city hall not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Duties.

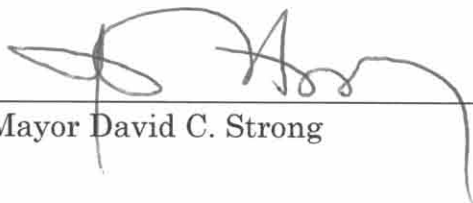
- a. To draft and recommend ethics policies on topics agreed upon by the City Commission.
- b. To suggest and review processes for ethics training of City employees, elected officials, and appointed members of boards, committees, and task forces.
- c. To assemble and disseminate ethics materials including ordinances, forms and relevant state laws for easy access, reference, and training.
- d. To enhance communications on ethics issues to assure transparency.

Section 5. Future Duties

The duties of the Board may be expanded in the future to include investigation and/or enforcement. Such additional duties will only be added upon majority vote of the City Commission.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held at City Hall, Winter Park, Florida on the 28th day of January, 2008.



Mayor David C. Strong

Attest: 

City Clerk Cynthia Bonham