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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2846

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Code of Ethics for City employees; and amending Section 1 (part) of Ordinance 2436, Section 1 of Ordinance 2750 and Bellevue City Code 3.90.030 and 3.90.040.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 (part) of Ordinance 2436, as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance 2750, and Bellevue City Code 3.90.030 are amended to read as follows:

3.90.030 Use of public property.

No City employee shall request or permit the use of City-owned vehicles, equipment, materials or property for personal convenience or profit. Use is to be restricted to such services as are available to the public generally, for the authorized conduct of official business, and for such purposes and under such conditions as are directed by administrative order of the City Manager; provided, the use of a City vehicle by a City employee participating in a carpooling program established by the City, and for a purpose authorized under such program, shall not be considered a violation of this section or any other provision of this Code of Ethics.

Section 2. Section 1 (part) of Ordinance No. 2436 and Bellevue City Code 3.90.040 are amended to read as follows:

3.90.040 Conflict of interest.

No city employee shall engage in any act which is in conflict with, or creates an appearance of conflict with, the performance of official duties. An employee is deemed to have a conflict of interest if the employee:

- A. Receives or has any financial interest in any sale to the City of any service or property when such financial interest was received with prior knowledge that the City intended to purchase such property or obtain such service;
- B. Solicits, accepts or seeks anything of economic value as a gift, gratuity, or favor from any person, firm or corporation involved in a contract or transaction which

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is or may be the subject of official action of the city; provided, that the prohibition against gifts or favors shall not apply to:

1. Attendance of an employee at a hosted meal when it is provided in conjunction with a meeting directly related to the conduct of City business or where official attendance by the employee as a staff representative is appropriate.
  2. An award publicly presented in recognition of public service; or
  3. Any gift which would have been offered or given to the employee if he or she were not a City employee;
- C. Participates in his or her capacity as a City employee in the making of a contract in which he or she has a private pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, or performs in regard to such a contract some function requiring the exercise of discretion on behalf of the City;
- D. Influences the City's selection of, or its conduct of business with, a corporation, person or firm having business with the City if the employee has financial interest in or with the corporation, person or firm;
- E. Engages in, accepts private employment from or renders services for private interest when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties or would tend to impair independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties;
- F. Appears on behalf of a private person, other than his or herself or an immediate family member or except as a witness under subpoena, before any regulatory governmental agency or court of law in an action or proceeding to which the City or a City officer in an official capacity is a party, or accepts a retainer or compensation that is contingent upon a specific action by the City;
- G. Discloses or uses, without legal authorization, confidential information concerning the property or affairs of the City to advance a private interest with respect to any contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of official action of the City;

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- H. Has a financial or personal interest in any legislation coming before the City Council and participates in discussion with or gives an official opinion to the City Council unless the employee discloses on the record of the Council the nature and extent of such interest.

Holds, directly or indirectly, for purposes of personal financial gain, investment or speculation, any interest in real property situated within the City, if such employee in the course of his or her official duties performs any function requiring the exercise of discretion on behalf of the City in regard to the regulation of land use or development; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to:

1. Real property devoted to the personal use or residence of the employee or member of the employee's immediate family; or
2. Any other interest in real property held by the employee on the date of enactment of this chapter.

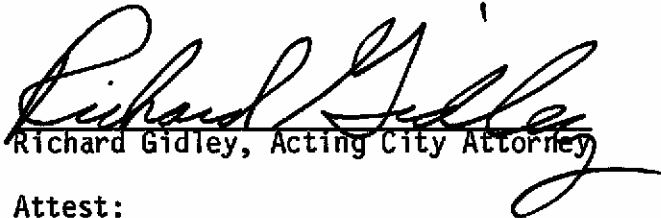
Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1980, and signed in authentication of its passage this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1980.


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Richard M. Foreman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

  
Richard Gidley, Acting City Attorney

Attest:

  
Marie K. O'Connell, Deputy City Clerk

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