

CITY OF GRAND RIVERS, KY

Ordinance No.09-94

An Ordinance establishing a code of ethical conduct applicable to the officers and employees of the city and city agencies.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has enacted legislation requiring this city to enact and enforce a code of ethics governing the conduct of city officers and employees beginning no later than January 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the officials of this city are committed to the operation of a city government that manifests the highest moral and ethical standards among its officers and employees and desire to comply with all requirements of the Commonwealth's local government ethics law.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the legislative body of Grand Rivers, Kentucky:

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "City of Grand Rivers Code of Ethics."

SECTION 2. Findings. The legislative body of the city of Grand Rivers finds and declares that:

(A) Public office and employment with the city are public trusts.

(B) The vitality and stability of the government of this depends upon the public's confidence in the integrity of its elected and appointed officers and employees. Whenever the public perceives a conflict between the private interests and public duties of a city officer or employee, the confidence is imperiled.

(C) The government of this city has a duty to provide its citizens with standards by which they may determine whether public duties are being faithfully performed, and to make its officers and employees aware of the standards which the citizenry rightfully expects them to comply with while conducting their public duties.

SECTION 3. Purpose and Authority.

(A) It is the purpose of this ordinance to provide a method of assuring that standards of ethical conduct and financial disclosure requirements for officers and employees of the city

shall be clearly established, uniform in their application, and enforceable, and to provide the officers and employees of the city with advice and information concerning potential conflicts of interest which might arise in the conduct of their duties.

(B) It is the further purpose of this ordinance to meet the requirements of KRS 65.003, as enacted by the 1994 Kentucky General Assembly.

(C) This ordinance is enacted under the power vested in the city by KRS 82.082 and pursuant to requirements of KRS 65.003.

SECTION 4. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(A) "Business" means any corporation, partnership, sole partnership, firm, enterprise, franchise, association,

organization, self employed individual, holding company, joint stock company, receivership, trust, professional service corporation, or any legal entity through which business is conducted for profit.

(B) "Board of Ethics" means the city of Grand Rivers Board of Ethics which is created and vested by this ordinance with the responsibility of enforcing the requirements of the city's code of ethics.

(C) "Candidate" means any individual who seeks nomination or election to a city office. An individual is a candidate when the individual files a notification and declaration for nomination for office with the county clerk or secretary of state, or is nominated for office by a political party, or files a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the county clerk or secretary of state.

(D) "City" refers to the city of Grand Rivers, Kentucky.

(E) "City Agency" means any board, commission, authority, nonstock corporation, or other entity created, either individually or jointly, by this city.

(F) "Employee" means any person, whether full-time or part-time, and whether paid or unpaid, who is employed by or provides service to the city. The term "employee shall not include any contractor or subcontractor or any of their employees.

(G) "Family member" means a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent or grandchild.

(H) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, and unemancipated child residing in the officer's or employee's household, or a person claimed by the officer or employee, or the officer's or employee's spouse, as a dependent for tax purposes.

(I) "Officer" means any person, whether full-time or part-time, and whether paid or unpaid, who is one of the following:

- (1) The Mayor.
- (2) A legislative body member.
- (3) The City Clerk
- (4) The City Manager.
- (5) The City Administrative Officer.

(6) Any person who occupies a nonelected office created under KRS 83A.080.

(7) A member of the governing body of any city agency who has been appointed to the governing body of the agency by the city.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

SECTION 5. Conflicts of Interest in General. Every officer and employee of the city and every city agency shall comply with the following standards of conduct:

(A) No officer or employee, or any immediate family member of any officer or employee, shall have an interest in a business or engage in any business, transaction, or activity, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the officer's or employee's public duties.