

BILL NO. 1596  
INTRODUCED BY: ALDERMAN GOSH

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARSON WOODS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL PERSONAL INTEREST OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, Sections 105.483 to 105.492 RSMo imposed certain requirements relating to the filing of personal financial interest statements by employees and elected officials of certain political subdivisions of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods adopted an ordinance on August 19, 2014 relating to this subject which is codified as Chapter 122 of the Municipal Code of the City of Warson Woods; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Municipal League recommends reenactment of the personal financial disclosure ordinance by September 15th of each year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WARSON WOODS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 122 of the Municipal Code of the City of Warson Woods, Missouri is hereby repealed and a new Chapter 122 is hereby enacted

SECTION 122.010. Declaration of Policy. The proper operation of municipal government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people: that public office not be used for personal gain: and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a procedure for disclosure by certain officials of the City of Warson Woods (the "City") of personal or private interests in matters affecting the City.

SECTION 122.020. Conflicts of Interest. The Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen who has a substantial personal or private interest in any Bill introduced to the Board of Aldermen shall disclose to the Board of Aldermen the nature of such interest which disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings. Such person shall disqualify himself or herself from voting on any Bill relating to such interest. Substantial or private interest is defined as ownership by the individual, his or her spouse, or his or her dependent children, where singularly or collectively, directly, or indirectly of:

1. Ten per cent (10%) or more of any business entity: or
2. An interest having a value of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more: or

3. The receipt of a salary, gratuity, or other compensation or re numeration of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or more, per year from any individual, partnership, organization or association within any calendar year.

SECTION 122.030. Disclosure Reports of Each Alderman, the Mayor and the City Clerk. Each Alderman, the Mayor and the City Clerk shall disclose the following information by May 1 if any such transactions were engaged in during the previous calendar year:

1. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), if any, that such person had with the City, other than compensation received as a fee or salary or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the City; and other than transfers for no consideration to the City; and
2. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to such person with a total value in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the City, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the City or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the City, and other than transfers for no consideration to the City.

SECTION 122.040. . Additional Disclosures by the Mayor and the City Clerk. The Mayor and the City Clerk also shall disclose by May 1 for the previous calendar year the following information.

1. The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more was received during the year covered by the statement.
2. The name and address of each sole proprietorship that he or she owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he or she was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or co participant for each partnership or joint venture with the Secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten per cent (10%) or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited partnership units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership that is listed in a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which the person owned two per cent (2%) or more of any class of outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;
3. The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver.

SECTION 122.050. Filing of Disclosure Reports. Disclosure reports of the information described in Sections 122.030 and 122.040 shall be filed with the City Clerk and with the Missouri Ethics Commission on forms prescribed by the City Attorney. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

SECTION 122.060. When Filed. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no person is required to file more than one (1) financial interest statement in any calendar year:

1. Each person required to file a financial interest statement under this Section shall file such statement within thirty (30) days of appointment or election;
2. Every other person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the statement annually not later than May 1 and the statement shall cover the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided that any member of the Board of Aldermen may supplement the financial interest statement to report additional interests acquired after December 31 of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor until amended or repealed by the Board of Aldermen.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF August, 2014.

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Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Mahany, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Paul V. Rost, City Attorney