

5/19/2020

In reference to Ordinance No. 2160
Article XVI. Code of Ethics for Public Officials

Please review the following complaint and text exchange as a possible violation of Article XVI. Code of Ethics for Public Officials Ordinance, adopted on January 14, 2020.

Sunday February 2, 2020 at 9:41pm

Pat Fribis to Ann McMunn

I was shocked to see a John Stephens sign in one of your new neighbors on West Watson. I have been fighting for residential there and sat through all of Despotis' depositions. Many of the BOA wanted to settle and put a bank there but I threatened a veto. I can withdraw my objections it can go commercial.

Reply February 2, 2020 at 10:47pm

Ann McMunn to Pat Fribis

I don't know who you're speaking of.. I've been out of town all week. I'm sorry but your comment sounds a bit like a threat on something which I know nothing about~

Monday, February 3, 2020 at 2:07 am

Pat Fribis to Ann McMunn

Not a threat at all Just frustrated because I have been fighting to keep it residential. It is the house with triplets. I met with after he moved in

It is no secret that I take this particular issue very seriously. For the Mayor to threaten to "let it go commercial" in retaliation over a neighbor displaying an opponent's campaign sign in their yard, was very unsettling to me, both personally and professionally.

I believe intimidating or threatening voters, or other elected officials, to garner support for a political campaign is questionable, if not unethical, and should be addressed in accordance with the newly adopted Ethics Ordinance – Sections 2-380, 2-383 and 2-396 in particular.

Section 2-380 Declaration of Policy

Public officials of the City are to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness and fairness in carrying out their public duties.

Section 2-383 Conduct of Officials

The professional and personal conduct of public officials shall be above reproach and shall avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Section 2-396 Behavior

The City strongly disapproves of and does not tolerate harassment of any kind. Public officials shall avoid offensive or inappropriate harassing behavior.

I affirm that the information provided herein is true, based on my personal knowledge, and provided voluntarily.

Please reply to confirm receipt and to advise on the next steps. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns, or if any further clarification is needed.

Respectfully~



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