

Resolution No. 2005-077

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA AMENDING THE COUNCIL'S PROTOCOLS BY ADDING A SAN BUENAVENTURA COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS TO SECTION III RULES OF CONDUCT ITEM #21.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura that the City Council Protocols adopted by the City Council Resolution 94-111, together with all amendments thereto, be further amended as follows:

Section 1. That section III of the Protocols, entitled "Rules of Conduct" be amended to include item #21 entitled "San Buenaventura Council Code of Ethics."

III. 21. San Buenaventura Council Code of Ethics

Statement of Purpose:

The residents of the City of San Buenaventura are entitled to responsible, fair and honest city government. Public officials should conduct their official and private affairs so as not to give a reasonable basis for the impression that any such official can be improperly influenced in the performance of his/her public duties. Accordingly, the San Buenaventura City Council has adopted this Code of Ethics as a guideline in addition to the Core Ethical Principles established by City of San Buenaventura employees; Respect, Equitable Treatment, Impartiality, Honesty, Responsibility and Trustworthiness.

Responsibilities of Public Office

Act in the Public Interest: Officials shall work for the common good of the people of the City of San Buenaventura and not for any private or personal interest and they will assure fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims and transactions coming before the San Buenaventura City Council.

Comply with the Law: Officials shall comply with the laws of the nation, the State of California, and the City of San Buenaventura in the performance of their public duties including but not limited to: the United States and State of California Constitutions and City ordinances and policies.

Conduct of Members: The professional and personal conduct of officials must be above reproach and avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Members shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal

attacks upon the character or motives of other members of the council, boards, and commissions, the public and staff.

Gifts and Favors: Officials shall refrain from accepting any gifts or favors, which might compromise their independence of judgment or action or give the appearance of being compromised.

Enforcement: This Code of Ethics is intended to be self-enforcing, and is an expression of standards of conduct for officials expected by the City. However, the Mayor has the additional responsibility to intervene when actions of members that appear to be in violation of this code are brought to his/her attention.

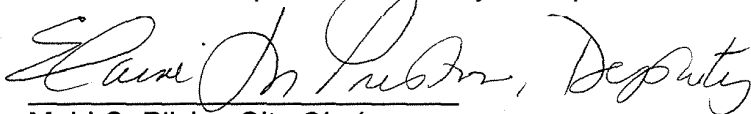
Use of Public Resource: City officials shall not use public resources unavailable to the public in general, such as City staff time, equipment, supplies or facilities, for private gain or personal purpose.

Conflict of Interest: In order to assure their independence and impartiality on behalf of the common good, members shall not use their official positions to influence government decision in which they have a material financial interest or where they have an organizational responsibility or personal relationship, which may give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Campaign Practices: Officials shall act with utmost integrity and engage in fair and honest campaign practices. The personal conduct of officials must be professional and responsible and avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Section 2. The protocols adopted by this resolution supercede any inconsistent provisions in any previously adopted rules of procedure or bylaws applicable to the San Buenaventura City Council.

Passed and adopted this 26th day of September, 2005.


Mabi C. Plisky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Robert G. Boehm, City Attorney

