

## PROPOSAL NO. 7, 2025

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, INDIANA ADOPTING A CODE OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, City of Lawrence, Marion County, Indiana (the "City") by and through its Common Council (the "Common Council") desires to enact an Ordinance Establishing a Code of Ethics which shall become part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is committed to set clear and high ethical standards for the official conduct of elected officials, appointees, and employees of City government and persons who have a business relationship with the City government so that the public will have confidence that the conduct of City business is always conducive to the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the proposed Code of Ethics, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A (the "Code of Ethics") and determined that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt the Code of Ethics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, as follows:

- Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 2. The Code of Ethics shall be adopted and added as Title 1, Article 3, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana.
- Section 3. Any resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and replaced to the extent of the conflict.
- Section 4. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Ordinance should be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired and shall remain in full force and effect, and in lieu of each provision that is found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, a provision will be added as a part of this Ordinance that is as similar to the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid, and enforceable.
- Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

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ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leatrice Adkisson,  
City Clerk

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Betty Robinson,  
President

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, this\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_.m., to the Mayor of the City of  
Lawrence, Indiana.

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Leatrice Adkisson, City Clerk

Presented to me and signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_.m.

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Deborah Whitfield, Mayor

**EXHIBIT A**

**CODE OF ETHICS**