

**City of Wichita
District Advisory Board Meeting, District 2
April 12, 2021**

TO: City Council Member
District Advisory Board Members

SUBJECT: Proposed City Council Ethics Policy

INITIATED BY: City Council, City Manager's Office

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Provide comment regarding the proposed ethics policy.

Background: The City of Wichita Ethics Policy is being evaluated by the National League of Cities (NLC), a national organization which aims to help strengthen cities. They have reviewed and provided recommendations for our developing code of ethics.

The proposed Code of Ethics includes:

1. Guidelines for avoiding conflicts of interest
2. Regulations on the receipt of gifts
3. Standards to encourage impartial decision making
4. Establishment of an independent Ethics Advisory Board
5. Requirements for ethics training
6. Whistleblower protection guidelines

Analysis: The City, with input from NLC and through discussions with the City Council, has put together a proposed ethics policy in order to establish consistent and transparent ethical standards for city leaders and appointed boards. The policy would help promote public confidence in elected and appointed leaders, and assist officials with ethical decision making. Staff is soliciting comment regarding the proposed policy.

After public feedback is sourced, the policy will return to Council for an ethics workshop in April 2021, with the adoption slated for May 2021. The policy would be reviewed by Council annually thereafter.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The comments provided by DAB members, citizens, and various community groups will be used to help shape the proposed policy.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the District Advisory Board Provide comment regarding the proposed ethics policy.

Attachment: Presentation.