

RESOLUTION 2021- 16

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-6 ESTABLISHING
A POLICY RELATED TO NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ENGAGED
IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Council has previously adopted Resolution 2021-6 establishing a policy related to non-profit corporations engaged in political activity; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Mason now desires to amend said policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, five members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That this Council hereby amends the policy originally set forth in Resolution 2021-6 as more fully set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That all provisions of the policy not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to amend this policy at the earliest possible date and to provide guidance to City staff when presented with expenditure requests by non-profit corporations.

Passed this 12th day of July, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Exhibit A

Section 1. That this Council hereby establishes the policy that expenditures of public funds for non-tangibles such as sponsorships, name recognition, contributions, attendance at fund-raisers, or similar activity, directed to locally-based non-profit corporations engaged in political activity (defined as endorsing, ranking, rating, promoting, supporting, contributing of or to, including bestowing upon candidates or elected officials awards or positions by the non-profit for Mason municipal office, Mason school board, or Mason municipal court) shall be deemed not to be for a proper public purpose and shall be prohibited.

Section 2. That when the City Manager is solicited for supporting funds as described in Section 1 by a locally-based non-profit corporation, Council shall determine in a public meeting whether the expenditure is for a proper public purpose and require said non-profit to certify in writing that it does not and will not engage in direct and indirect political activity as described in Section 1 for the duration of the then current election cycle which is two years from the date of entering its contract with the City (in making this determination the City shall also take into consideration the non-profit's level of cooperation in providing information about its political activity to the City). If certification is untrue or if the non-profit violates the terms of the certification, any sums given by the City to the non-profit are subject to disgorgement.

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