

Ordinance No. _____

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF FLINT:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND INTENT

This ordinance is established to maintain transparency, integrity, and ethical conduct within the City of Flint. The ordinance aims to prevent conflicts of interest by prohibiting city officials who hold directorship positions in non-profit organizations from accepting donations from entities engaged or attempting to engage in business with the city.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

(a) "City Official" refers to any individual who holds an elected or appointed position within the City of Flint.

(b) "Non-Profit Organization" refers to any legally recognized non-profit entity that operates within the jurisdiction of City of Flint.

(c) "City Contractor" refers to any individual, company, or organization that has entered or seeking to enter into a contract or business agreement with the City of Flint.

(d) "Donation" refers to any form of monetary contribution, gift, service, or in-kind support.

(e) "Directorship Position" refers to any official role held within the organizational structure of a non-profit organization, including but not limited to the positions of chairman, president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, or any other role that holds decision-making authority within the organization's leadership. This definition encompasses both volunteer and compensated roles within the non-profit organization.

(f) "Affiliation" refers to any formal or informal relationship between a city official and a non-profit organization, where the city official holds a directorship position, serves on the board of directors, or exercises

influence over the non-profit's policies, activities, or operations.

(g) "Conflict of Interest" refers to a situation where a city official's personal, financial, or other interests may interfere with their ability to make impartial decisions in their official capacity, potentially compromising the best interests of the city government and its residents.

SECTION 3: PROHIBITION

(a) No city official who also holds a directorship position in a non-profit organization shall accept any donation, either directly or indirectly, from a city contractor.

(b) This prohibition applies during the duration of the city official's directorship position and for a period of one year after their term as director has ended.

SECTION 4: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(a) City officials who hold directorship positions in non-profit organizations are required to disclose such affiliations to the City Clerk, City Attorney and the Ethics and Accountability Board.

(b) City contractors are required to disclose any donations made to city officials holding directorship positions in non-profit organizations to the Ethics and Accountability Board.

SECTION 5: PENALTIES

(a) Violation of this ordinance shall result in disciplinary action against the city official, which may include reprimand, suspension, or forfeiture of office pursuant to City Charter §1-603.

(b) City contractors found to be in violation of this ordinance may be subject to penalties, including fines and potential disqualification from future city contracts.

SECTION 6: ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

(a) The Ethics and Accountability Board shall be responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with this ordinance.

(b) The Ethics and Accountability Board shall establish procedures for reporting, investigating, and adjudicating potential violations of this ordinance.

SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective pursuant to § 3-306 of the Flint City Charter.