

ORDINANCE NO. C-24-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION X-XX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission to adopt a code of conduct to set standards and expectations of members of City Boards and Committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That within Division XX of Chapter XX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a new section X-XX is created and shall read as follows:

Sec. X-XX. City Boards and Committees Code of Conduct.

Any person appointed to serve as a member of a City board or committee shall commit to the following code of conduct by written affirmation, which shall remain on file with the City clerk. The City Commission, through the adoption of a resolution, may remove for cause any board or committee member who violates the following code of conduct. This authority of the City Commission to remove City board and committee members for cause shall be cumulative with any other legislation governing City boards and committees. The City board and committee Code of Conduct shall read as follows:

- (a) In my capacity as an appointed board or committee member, I will refrain from inappropriate language including statements that are malicious, threatening, slanderous, disparaging, mean-spirited, vulgar or abusive. All disagreements, concerns or criticisms shall be framed in language that is in keeping with the dignity and professionalism of an appointed board or committee member and the honor of my respective City board or committee.
- (b) I will demonstrate dignity, respect, and courtesy toward those whom I am in contact with in my capacity as an appointed board or committee member. I will refrain from intimidation and ridicule of fellow board or committee members, City Commission members, City manager, City attorney, staff, and citizens.
- (c) I will focus on solving problems and will maintain appropriate decorum and professional

demeanor in the conduct of City business and work cooperatively and conscientiously with others as I request or receive information, examine data or weigh alternatives in the decision-making process.

- (d) I understand that an appointed board or committee member does not manage the affairs of the City. I will not intrude into daily operations or spheres of responsibility designated by Florida Statutes, City Code, and City Charter to the City manager as the chief executive officer; or undermine the City manager's lawful authority. Further, I understand that the City manager is responsible for administering the policy direction established by a majority vote of the City Commission and not the individual wishes of board or committee members.
- (e) I will devote adequate time for preparation prior to my respective City board or committee meetings and as much as possible, I will be in attendance at such meetings and all other scheduled events where my participation is required.
- (f) I will respect diversity and encourage the open expression of divergent ideas and opinions from fellow board or committee members, City Commissioners, City manager, City attorney, staff and citizens.
- (g) As a board or committee member, I will always hold the best interests of the citizens of the City and the public health, safety and welfare of the community in the highest regard.

SECTION 2. At the direction of the City Attorney, the publisher of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is authorized to conform chapter, article, section, subsection, and clause numbers and letters, and capitalization, set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and to correct any non-substantive scrivener's errors in the codification of this Ordinance without the need for a public hearing.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this ____ day of _____, 2024.

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PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN