

AMENDED BILL NO.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ~~AMENDING~~ REPEALING SECTION 2-400 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri (the "City"), to uphold, promote and demand ethical conduct from its elected and appointed public officials, recognizing that the citizens and businesses of the city are entitled to have fair, ethical and accountable local government; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes the importance of codifying and making known to the general public the ethical principles that guide the work of public officials, and in order to fulfill this mission, the City has adopted a code of ethics for public officials to assure public confidence in the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation that is codified at Sections 2-380 to 2-400 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-399 of the Code of Ordinances, the code of ethics shall be reviewed biannually by the Board of Aldermen, recommendations received from the review shall be considered by the Board of Aldermen, and the code of ethics shall be updated, as necessary, in May of even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, as the Board of Aldermen begin such bi-annual review of the code of ethics, it has determined that Section 2-400 regarding compliance and enforcement of the code of ethics imposes obligations for enforcement that the Board of Aldermen does not find to comply with appropriate due process, and therefore the Board of Aldermen deems it appropriate to immediately amend~~repeat~~ Section 2-400 of the Code of Ordinances ~~in its entirety~~ as the City and the Board of Aldermen move forward with a broader review of the code of ~~ethics~~ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2-400 of the Code of Ordinances shall be repealed in its entirety and the following language is adopted as a new Section 2-400 of the Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 2-400 - Compliance and Enforcement. ~~The city's code of ethics expresses standards of ethical conduct expected for the public officials of the board of aldermen, boards, commissions and committees. Public officials themselves have the primary responsibility to assure that ethical standards are understood and met and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of the government. In the event that a violation of the city's code of ethics is found by the board of aldermen to warrant removal from office, the procedures outlined in section 2-49 of the code of ordinances shall be followed.~~

Section 2. The ~~amendment~~repeal of Section 2-400 of the Code of Ordinances contained herein shall remain in full force and effect in the event the City or the third party Municipal Code codification company the City engages makes non-substantive changes to the language herein contained or section numbers herein referenced.

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Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word(s) of his ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the Board of Aldermen without incorporation in the ordinance of any such unconstitutional or invalid portion of this ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 10th day of May, 2022

MAYOR

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APPROVED this 10th day of May, 2022

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ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK/CITY ADMINISTRATOR