

CODE of ETHICS for YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Members will hereafter conduct themselves according to the following rules of conduct as they pertain to work for, and on behalf of, the City of Yakima:

- I. Council Members shall maintain decorum and set an example for conduct when representing the City, and endeavor not to disgrace or embarrass the City while acting in an official capacity.*
- II. Council Members shall represent that opinions stated are the Member's own and do not necessarily represent those of the Council unless the Council has voted and passed an ordinance, resolution or motion that so states the expressed policy.*
- III. Council Members shall not divulge information discussed in executive session.*
- IV. Council Members shall make public any conflict of interest the Member has with respect to any issue under consideration by the Council. The Council Member shall not participate in discussions of the subject and shall not vote on it if the Council Member has a personal, financial or property involvement in the subject.*
- V. Council Members shall not use their position or City resources for personal or family gain, especially financial gain, including the acceptance of gifts and gratuities.*
- VI. Council Members shall not hold or acquire a financial interest in any contract voted on by them for one year after leaving office.*
- VII. Council Members shall not assist or represent parties in official City matters they were involved in while in office for one year after leaving office.*
- VIII. Council Members shall not make knowingly and intentionally false statements on which the Council, City staff or other agencies rely to establish policy or make important decisions.*