

A POLICY RESOLUTION

establishing a revised policy for intergovernmental relations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Policy Resolution 10-13 adopted on January 22, 2013, which established a policy for intergovernmental relations, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, hereby establishes the following intergovernmental relations guidelines.

A. Objective: The objective of the City of Columbia's intergovernmental relations policy is to keep the City Council, community and staff fully advised of proposed legislation, policies, rules and budget actions with a potential impact upon the City. The intent is to take timely and effective action to support or oppose proposals affecting the City at state and federal levels. The City Council may take the initiative to seek new legislative or executive actions that benefit the community including, where a partnership is appropriate, actions also supported by the Boone County Commission, the University of Missouri and other partners.

B. Foundation for City Council actions: Columbia's Community Vision, accepted by City Council on February 4, 2008; the City of Columbia, Missouri Strategic Plan adopted by City Council on September 17, 2012 and, thereafter, as amended or revised; the City budget, adopted annually by the City Council before October 1st; and information on legislative and funding risks and opportunities that flows through City Council members, citizens, boards and commissions, City staff members, the City's contract lobbyist, other public entities, legislators, associations, interest groups and others.

C. Overall guiding principles: Positions on proposed legislation, policies, rules and budgets may be communicated by individual City Council members, by the City Council as a whole or by the City Manager, as generally authorized by the City Council, when those proposals have the potential to:

1. Affect the City's ability to live within its financial means or draw upon local revenue sources;
2. Impose new mandates without new funding;
3. Affect local government discretion, in balance with City values and priorities; or
4. For any other reason the City Council deems appropriate.

D. City Manager's Office: The City Manager's Office coordinates intergovernmental relations activities as generally authorized by the City Council. The City Manager may designate one or more staff members to manage this work. Responsibilities include:

1. Ensuring consistent policy and practice throughout City offices.
2. Ensuring that City Council members are continuously aware of intergovernmental activities.
3. Serving as a clearinghouse for all City intergovernmental relations activity and information.
4. Coordinating contacts and communications with legislators, staff and contract lobbyists.
5. Coordinating the evaluation of proposed legislation that may affect the City.
6. Encouraging suggestions from City staff members concerning subjects for legislative action.
7. Recommending priorities for legislative action to get greatest return for effort.
8. Maintaining legislative files (bill texts, correspondence, records of lobbying activity, background information and Council policies).
9. Serving as liaison to the Missouri Municipal League, National League of Cities and other organizations and jurisdictions concerning intergovernmental relations.

E. City Offices: City offices may be asked to assess legislative, policy and fiscal impact in a timely manner and to identify legislative and funding risks and opportunities, with the following responsibilities:

1. Informing the City Manager or the Manager's designee of important legislative, policy, rulemaking and funding issues.
2. Designating a key contact responsible for coordinating issue review and information gathering and assuring continuing communication with the City Manager or the Manager's designee.
3. Establishing a system to assure that requests for information are handled in a timely manner.
4. Preparing materials as requested by the City Manager or the Manager's designee.
5. Suggesting organizations, individuals, publications and other legislators who may be allies in communicating the City's position and who may be opposed to various issues.

F. Consultants: The City may contract with consultants in order to address special priorities and maintain continuing relationships with legislators and administrative officials.

A City employee may not lobby in the name of the City of Columbia unless:

1. There is advance notice of this activity;
2. It has been approved by the City Manager, or the Manager's designee, and the head of the City office where the employee works; and

3. The employee is registered as a lobbyist with the Missouri Ethics Commission and, if required, with other governmental agencies.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

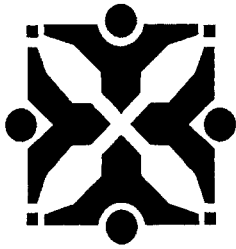
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



Source: Public Communications

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Agenda Item No:

To: City Council

From: City Manager and Staff

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Council Meeting Date: Jan 6, 2014

Re: Intergovernmental Relations Policy for 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed revision is intended to clarify the policy Council originally adopted in 2012 and amended in 2013. The revision acknowledges the Council's authority to communicate legislative concerns individually, as a whole City Council and through a general authorization to the City Manager.

DISCUSSION:

City Council members have expressed varying levels of interest in communicating legislative positions. The proposed revision provides flexibility for Council while allowing the City Manager, where necessary, to address legislative matters that affect the administration of City programs and services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

Columbia's governance is a model of transparency, efficiency and citizen participation that enjoys the strong confidence of its residents.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Adopt the policy revision as proposed or as further amended to reflect Council's wishes. Provide any other guidance for the City Manager's and staff's work on intergovernmental relations.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	10.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	10.1.9
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	