CHAPTER XXIX
FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BY CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

29.01 DECLARATION OF POLICY

The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officers and employees be independent, impartial and responsible; that government decisions and policy be made in the public interest; that public offices and employment not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, the following Code of Financial Disclosure shall apply to all officers and employees of the City of Kenosha, whether elected or appointed, as herein specified. Nothing herein contained is intended to deny to any individual rights granted by the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, the laws of the State of Wisconsin or by labor agreements negotiated with certified employee bargaining units.

29.02 DEFINITIONS

In this Chapter:

1. Business means any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employment or profession.

2. Immediate Family means the spouse or legal dependent for tax purposes of the City officer or employee.

3. Officer means the Mayor, Aldermen and Department Heads.

4. Employee means any person holding an office or position with the City of Kenosha and excepting officers as defined in Subparagraph 3. above.

5. Statement of Economic Interest shall mean a signed written statement, on City approved forms, including the information specified in §19.44, Wisconsin Statutes, incorporated herein by reference subject to the following amendments thereto:

a. Subsection (1)(b) shall not apply to publicly traded securities.

b. Subsection (1)(d) shall not apply to property located outside the City.

c. Subsection (1)(g) shall apply only to gifts which an officer or employee receives by virtue of their position as an officer or employee, and shall not apply to gifts from business partners.

d. Subsection (1)(h) shall apply only to lodging transportation money and other things of pecuniary value reportable under §19.65(2), Wisconsin Statutes, which an officer or employee receives by virtue of their position as an officer or employee.

29.03 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED

The following shall file a Statement of Economic Interest with the City Clerk:

1. All City officers except the Municipal Court Judge, who is governed by State law.

2. All candidates for City elected offices, except the Municipal Court Judge, who is governed by State law.

3. Those City employees whose duties and responsibilities include the awarding or execution of contracts for the purchase of supplies, services, material and equipment for or on behalf of the City of Kenosha or any Board or Commission thereof, or for the construction of public works or for the sale or leasing of real estate, and such other employees as may be designated by the Mayor, shall file statements of economic interest.

City Board and Commission members are exempt herefrom.

29.04 TIME FOR FILING

City officers, employees and candidates for office shall file their statement of economic interest within the following time limits:

1. For new officers and employees, within thirty (30) days after taking their office or position.

2. For current officers and employees, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Ordinance.

3. For candidates for City elected office, by 4:30 P.M. on the next working day following the last day for the filing of nomination papers.

29.05 INCOMPLETE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

The City Clerk shall refuse to accept an incomplete statement of economic interest and the submission of such incomplete statement shall not satisfy the requirements of this Ordinance.

29.06 PENALTY

Any officer or employee who shall fail to comply with this Ordinance shall be requested by the City Clerk, in writing, to do so within ten (10) days, and

their failure to comply thereafter, shall subject them to suspension without pay from their office or position until compliance is fulfilled. The City Clerk shall report noncompliance to the Mayor, who shall be responsible for enforcement. The procedures for enacting such a penalty shall be those found in State and City laws, rules, regulations and labor agreements which govern the respective officer or employee. In the case of candidates for City elected offices, the City Clerk shall not place the candidate's name on the election ballot if the candidate's statement of economic interest is not filed by the deadline herein provided.