

RESOLUTION NO. 6-13 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS AND VALUES

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 139-11 (CM), approving the City of Watsonville City Council Code of Ethics and Values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Watsonville City Council Code of Ethics and Values, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 8th day of January, 2013, by Member Montesino, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Member Coffman-Gomez, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Bilicich, Cervantez, Coffman-Gomez, Dodge, Hernandez, Montesino, Hurst**

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**



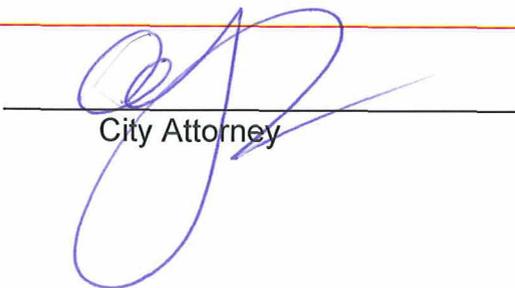
Lowell Hurst, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
CODE OF ETHICS AND VALUES**

STANDARDS

The residents of the City of Watsonville are entitled to responsible, fair, and honest city government that operates in an atmosphere of respect and civility consistent with the City Council's Mission Statement. Accordingly, the Watsonville City Council has adopted this code to: 1) describe the standards of behavior to which its leaders aspire; 2) provide an ongoing source of guidance to City officials in their day-to-day service to the City; and 3) promote and maintain a culture of ethics.

This code applies to the City Council and its appointed boards and commissions. The code will be reviewed and evaluated annually, as part of the City's strategic planning process.

RESPONSIBILITY

- I understand that the community expects me, as a leader, to serve with dignity, integrity, and respect for my office, as well as be an agent of the democratic process.
- I avoid actions that might cause the public to question my independent judgment.
- I do not use my office or the resources of the City for personal or political gain.
- I am a prudent steward of public resources and actively consider the impact of my decisions on the financial and social stability of the City and its residents.

FAIRNESS

- I promote consistency, equity and non-discrimination in public agency decision-making.

- I make decisions based on the merits of an issue, including research and facts.
- I encourage diverse public engagement in our decision-making processes and support the public's right to know.

RESPECT

- I treat my fellow officials, staff and the public with patience, courtesy and civility, even when we disagree on what is best for the community.

HONESTY

- I am honest with my fellow elected officials, the public and others.
- I am prepared to make decisions when necessary for the public's best interests, whether those decisions are popular or not.
- I take responsibility for my actions, even when it is uncomfortable to do so.