

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 230.04, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FEE; REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE DIRECT PAYMENT TO THE OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION OF ANNUAL FILING FEES ON BEHALF OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and each member of Council must file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, with adoption of Ordinance No. 99-2 on January 6, 1999, Council authorized the City Manager to use public funds to reimburse elected officials for their annual financial disclosure filing fees; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to amend Section 230.04 to provide for a more efficient method of payment and to reflect current practices; and

WHEREAS, City staff has recommended that Section 230.04, Financial Disclosure Statement; reimbursement of costs to Mayor and Council members, of the Codified Ordinances be amended to authorize direct payment to the Ohio Ethics Commission of annual financial disclosure filing fees on behalf of the City's elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Section 230.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson shall be amended as follows:

**230.04. - Financial Disclosure Statement fee; ~~payment~~ reimbursement of costs on behalf of the to Mayor and Council members.**

The Manager is hereby authorized and directed to **pay the regular fees to file Financial Disclosure Statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission on behalf of** ~~reimburse~~ the Mayor and each member of Council ~~the fee to file the Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission upon receipt of a copy of each person's check to the Ohio Ethics Commission.~~ **Any late fees associated with the filing of a Financial Disclosure Statement by the Mayor or a member of Council shall be the sole responsibility of the individual elected official.**

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal

action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

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David A. Basil, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council