

RESOLUTION NO. 1540

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON SPECIFYING THE CITY OF FIFE POLICY REGARDING CITY PAID EXPENSES

WHEREAS, it is important for the City of Fife to establish a clear policy regarding the conditions under which it will consider paying expenses incurred by city officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Constitution prohibits the gifting of public funds except for the necessary support of the poor and infirm; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.12.070 requires that city officials be reimbursed for their “actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of their office”; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds this definition to be appropriate to extend to city employees in the performance of the duties of their employment, and

WHEREAS, in addition to abiding by the legal restrictions contained in Washington law, the City is also committed to abiding by its Mission Statement and the standards of the community; now therefore

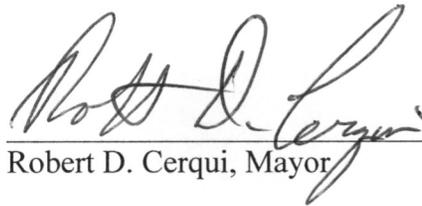
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fife may fund an expense incurred by an official or employee if it meets the following criteria:

1. The expense serves a valid municipal purpose;
2. The expense relates to a fundamental government service or provides a benefit to the public;
3. The expense does not involve lobbying activities within the state of Washington outside of an organization officially authorized by the City of Fife to lobby on its behalf; and
4. The expense is in keeping with City of Fife current policies and in harmony with the City’s Mission Statement and community standards.

If the above criteria are met, the City will then consider the following factors in deciding whether or not to pay the expense:

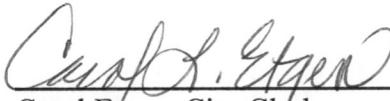
1. The amount of benefit the City would derive from the expense and the activity for which the expense was incurred;
2. The amount of time required of City employees/officials in relation to the expense;
3. The available documentation of the expense; and
4. The total cost.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 12th day of February, 2013.



Robert D. Cerqui, Mayor

Attest:



Carol Egen, City Clerk