

**ARTICLE 111**  
**Ethics**

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CROSS REFERENCES

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**111.01 FINDINGS OF FACT.**

(a) Council hereby finds that the purposes of the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act have reasonable, necessary and appropriate application to matters involving all elected and appointed municipal officials and employees, whether full or part time, who derive a salary, payment of wages or other direct remuneration from the municipality, and does now hereby affirm, ratify and adopt the State defined purposes as being the same purposes of this Municipal Government Ethics Ordinance, without specifically republishing the State purposes herein.

(b) Council further hereby finds that for the purpose of assisting in the administration of the provisions of this article, that various statutory sections of the aforesaid State Act shall be hereby expressly adopted and incorporated as provisions of this article, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, and which such State statutory sections specifically hereby adopted and incorporated herein are as follows: (1) Sec. 6B-1-1 through 5; and (2) Sec. 6B-2-5.

(c) Notwithstanding the affirmation and adoption of the purposes of the State Act and further the specific adoption of the selected, statutory sections which are immediately hereinbefore set forth in Section 111.02 hereof, the Council specifically finds that certain statutory provisions of the aforesaid State Act are either inapplicable to the administration of this article or would otherwise be unduly burdensome for the City to require and administer, and specifically, the Council finds that the purposes of the State Act and of this article can be effectively executed at the municipal level without the specific adoption and incorporation of the statutory provisions of West Virginia Code Chapter 6B, article 2, Sections 6 and 7 respecting financial disclosure, and Chapter 6B article 3 relating to regulation and registration of lobbyists, and which such statutory provisions the Council hereby expressly opts not to include as provisions of this article, and affirmatively elects that such provisions shall not apply to this municipality and its officers and employees.

(Ord. 1989-05. Passed 7-25-89)

**111.02 AMENDMENTS TO STATE STATUTES.**

Any amendment to any of the aforesaid statutory provisions of the State of West Virginia which are expressly herein adopted and incorporated as provisions of this article, shall upon enactment by the State Legislature, pursuant to the State prescribed effective date thereof, be deemed to be an amendment to this article unless the City expressly opts not to adopt any such amendment by ordinance duly adopted by the Council evidencing the non-adoption of such amendments.

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