



City Council Report

Date: January 9, 2017
To: City Council
From: Dee Ann Mickelsen
City Clerk
Subject: Resolution Adopting Standards of Financial Disclosure

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to notify the Council of the changes made during the last legislative session amending A.R.S. §§ 38-541 through 38-545 Financial Disclosure Statements required for candidates and public officers. The new law becomes effective on January 1, 2017.

The amendments are as follows:

- New category on the statement that requires reporting of certain travel-related expenses.
- A public officer no longer has to disclose the spouse or child's name on the statement.
- May be filed in an electronic format as prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- No longer requires notarization.

Background

On November 21, 1983, the Mesa City Council adopted Resolution 5283 prescribing standards of financial disclosure consistent with Arizona law.

Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §§ 38-545, Cities and Towns are required to adopt standards of financial disclosure consistent with the amended Arizona Revised Statutes. Due to new legislative changes, the current resolution no longer reflects the current law.

To be consistent with current standards of financial disclosure set by the State, the City Clerk's Office is requesting Council approve a Resolution modifying the Standards of Financial Disclosure.

Coordinated With

The resolution and revised financial disclosure report have been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.