

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

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SUBJECT: **CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE - BIENNIAL REVIEW**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Salinas City Code Section 2A.

DISCUSSION:

The Political Reform Act (PRA) of 1974 designates positions that are required to file economic interest statements, including elected officials, City Manager, City Attorney and Finance Director. Additionally, the PRA requires local agencies to adopt conflict of interest codes designating positions that participate in decision making that may have a foreseeable material effect on financial interests, as outlined in California Government Code section 82019.

The PRA requires a biennial review of local conflict of interest code to determine if an amendment is necessary. The attached ordinance amends Salinas City Code Section 2A-2(a) to reflect position reclassifications and to delete eliminated positions.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council adopt the ordinance updating the City's conflict of interest code?

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Council shall make a determination if amendments to the conflict of interest code are required. Any amendments must be forwarded to the Fair Political Practices Commission within ninety days of the determination.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

1. Council may adopt the attached ordinance without change. Adoption of the ordinance would meet the biennial review requirements of the Political Reform Act.
2. The City Council may change the positions or offices that are designated in the City's Code if the changes meet the criteria of the Political Reform Act.

CONCLUSIONS:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Salinas City Code Section 2A.

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