

September 24, 2019

REVISED REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO A HEARING EXAMINER OF
ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST
COUNCILMEMBER JAN FISK

The undersigned Councilmembers of the City Council of Springfield, Missouri, request referring the following matter regarding Councilmember Jan Fisk to a hearing examiner in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 2-60(o)(l):

Violation of City Charter Sec. 19-6 and City Code Sec. 2-60(d)(1) by reason of having a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract with the City and violation of Sec. 2-8 of the City Code and applicable state law regarding disclosure of financial interests and transactions.

The Missouri Ethics Commission ("MEC"), after an investigation, found reasonable grounds to support one or more violations of City Charter Sec. 19-6 and City Code Sec. 2-60(d)(1) by Councilmember Fisk. The cited provisions prohibit a councilmember from having a direct or indirect financial interest in a City contract or in the sale of services to the City. The MEC referred its report to City Council for possible action. The alleged violation relates to a City contract for charter bus services with Executive Limousines. Executive Limousines outsources work to Fisk Limousines, and Councilmember Fisk has a financial interest in Fisk Limousines, through her husband or otherwise.

In addition, state law and City Code Sec. 2-8 require councilmembers to report certain financial interests and transactions. It is believed Councilmember Jan Fisk failed to comply with those reporting requirements in regard to her association with Fisk Limousines and its business activities.

There had been a prior request for referral to a hearing examiner regarding whether Councilmember Jan Fisk violated the City's Code of Ethics and the requirement to disclose a financial and other private interest in regard to Council Bill 2019-058. We have been advised the circumstances are such that the formal imposition of sanctions for Councilmember Fisk's conduct in that matter is not warranted. Accordingly, that request is withdrawn.

