

ORDINANCE NO. 15, 2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,
INDIANA, AMENDING SECTION 36.21 OF THE VALPARAISO MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, unanimously adopted Ordinance 37-2005 on September 11, 2006 creating Valparaiso's municipal Ethics Code. Ordinance 37-2005 was later amended by Ordinance 20-2024 on August 26, 2024;

WHEREAS, said Ordinance and Amendments have been codified in Valparaiso Municipal Code Sections 36.01 through 36.22;

WHEREAS, certain statutory sections included in adopted Ordinance 37-2005 were inadvertently excluded from the Valparaiso Municipal Code (the "Code") upon codification of said Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Council now deems it appropriate and necessary to amend such Code Sections to resolve certain inconsistencies between Ordinance 37-2005 and Chapter 36 of the Code;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 36.21 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code should be and is hereby amended by adding the following subsections (16) through (20) to Section 36.21(A), as outlined below:

SECTION 36.21 AUTHORITY AND ADMINISTRATION.

(A) The following is a list of current state statutes that affect the conduct and business by public officials and government employees. In the event that any such statutes are amended by the General Assembly or additional statutes are adopted by the General Assembly, such amendments or additional statutes shall be considered to be a part of this chapter.

(16) I.C. 35-44.1-1-1, pertaining to official misconduct;

(17) I.C. 35-44.1-1-2, pertaining to bribery;

(18) I.C. 35-44.1-1-3, pertaining to ghost employment;

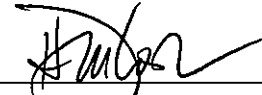
(19) I.C. 35-44.1-1-4, pertaining to conflicts of interest;

(20) I.C. 35-44.1-1-5, pertaining to profiteering from public services.

SECTION 2: Severability. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

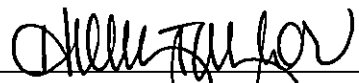
SECTION 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval by the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 7 - 0 vote of all members present and voting on this 28th day of July, 2025.



Jon Costas, Mayor

Attest:



Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented to me by the Mayor of Valparaiso, Indiana, this 28th day of July, 2025 at the hour of 6:28 o'clock am/pm.



Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance was approved and signed by me this 28th day of July, 2025 at the hour of 6:28 o'clock am/pm.



Jon Costas, Mayor