



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-04
COUNCIL MTG OF: January 5, 2021
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Administration
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SUBJECT: Town Council Rules

INTRODUCTION

The Council is requested to amend its Council Rules to include compliance with the General Code, Chapter 28, Electioneering by Board, Committee and Commission Members Prohibited.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Please see comments within this report.

BACKGROUND

The Town Council is required pursuant to Section 5.9 of the Town Charter to establish rules for its proceedings. These rules, originally adopted in 1993 and subsequently amended over time, include assignment of responsibilities, process and matters of conduct, and references to an Ethics Code. More recently, the Council adopted an ordinance which prohibits electioneering by appointed Board, Committee and Commission members while acting in their official capacity.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Resolution would subject the Town Council to the same standards as it placed upon its appointees. The Ordinance does not impact other elected bodies as these additional requirements may conflict with statutorily established eligibility requirements. However, as a policy statement, the Council is encouraged to reference and comply with this Ordinance in its Rules.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact with this Resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

Please see Resolution #2021-002