

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

RESOLUTION OF THE RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADOPTING A CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS TO ASSURE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS EFFECTIVE AND FAIR OPERATION

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses within the jurisdiction of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District are entitled to fair, ethical and accountable government which earns the public's confidence; and

WHEREAS, the effective functioning of democratic government therefore requires that elected and appointed officials of the Fire District's commissions, boards, and committees, including ad hoc committees, comply with both the letter and spirit of the laws affecting the operations of government; and

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials of the Fire District's board and committees, including ad hoc committees, must show that they are independent, impartial and fair in their judgment and actions; and

WHEREAS, public deliberations and processes must be conducted openly, except when closed session is permissible under State law, and must be conducted in an atmosphere of respect and civility; and

WHEREAS, all public resources are held in trust for the people, and must be used for the public good, not for personal gain; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution is intended to limit or otherwise infringe on the First Amendment rights of free speech or association of public officials and appointed members of the Fire District's Board of Directors and its appointed committees, including ad hoc committees, or to conflict with any other federal, state or local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, in furtherance of the above-mentioned goals and values, the Rodeo – Hercules Fire Protection District Board of Directors hereby resolves to adopt the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials, attached hereto and made a part hereof, which shall apply to all Fire District Officials, including the elected Board Members and those appointed by the Board of Directors to committees, including ad hoc committees (collectively "Members"), to assure public confidence in the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation.

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IF ANY PART OF THE RESOLUTION OR ANY ATTACHMENTS TO IT are for any reason determined to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or its attachments, and the Board hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof, irrespective of any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases being declared invalid or unconstitutional. The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Rodeo – Hercules Fire Protection District Board of Directors held on the 9th day of January 2019, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: 4 (Covington, Gabriel, Hill, Thorpe)

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Prather)

ABSTAIN: 0



Andrew Gabriel, Chairman of the Board
Rodeo – Hercules Fire Protection District