

## RESOLUTION 2001-996

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF SHERWOOD COUNCILORS AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR SPOUSES WHO ACCOMPANY THEM TO GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS.

WHEREAS, the present Council recognizes there is no formal policy for reimbursing Council members for their spouses' expenses when they accompany them to government functions, and

WHEREAS, there are government functions which include invitations for spouses or include agendas and related costs for spouses accompanying the elected officials, and

WHEREAS, Council has stated they would like to formalize a policy so there are guidelines for how much the City will reimburse those expenses, and

WHEREAS, the Council members understands that in most cases, conference hotel room rates are the same rate whether one or two persons occupy a room, and

WHEREAS, the Council members understands that at the present time, Councilors are compensated for their mileage at the City's rate specified for the current fiscal year. There is also compensation for parking fees if receipts are provided, and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that at that at the present time, all the meals and activities listed on the agenda for a government function will be paid by the City, usually pre-paid at the time the City submits the conference reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that at the present time, any expenses for meals for a Councilor that are not included in a conference package will be paid at the rate specified for the current fiscal year if receipts are provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sherwood that:

Section 1: Councilors registering for conferences will advise staff whether or not a reservation for their spouse should be included and the City will pay those costs up to \$50.00.

Section 2: All other spouse expenses will be paid for by the Councilor.

Duly passed by the City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.

Mark Cottle, Mayor

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C.L. whey, City Redorder

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