

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON REPEALING AND REPLACING AMERICAN CANYON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04.050 AND ESTABLISHING A CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT AND GOVERNANCE PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, the City Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocol (Code and Protocol) was first established in 2007 and most recently updated in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Code and Protocol is designed to establish standards of behavior and operational procedures for council members, ensuring transparency, accountability, and ethical governance. Its primary purpose is to foster a professional and respectful environment, guiding council members in their interactions with each other, city staff, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Code and Protocol outlines expectations for ethical conduct, including integrity, impartiality, and adherence to legal and procedural norms; and

WHEREAS, the Code and Protocol outlines meeting procedures, decision-making processes, and public engagement strategies, aiming to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of municipal operations

WHEREAS, the Code and Protocol maintains the public trust and promotes a collaborative and responsible approach to local government.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: All prior versions of the City Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols are hereby rescinded and replaced with that certain City Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols - including Appendices A - H - attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: The City Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols may only be revised by ordinance, however any of the Appendices A – H may be revised by future City Council Minute Order or Resolution.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney shall keep an updated copies of Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols - including Appendices A - H, and copies shall be distributed to new Council Members upon their election or appointment to City Council.

SECTION 4: All City Council Members shall acknowledge receipt of the Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols and agree to follow the Code of Conduct.

SECTION 5: American Canyon Municipal Code Chapter 2.04.050 shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

2.04.050 Adoption of procedures.

The council shall follow the most current version of City Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols on file with the City Clerk to establish rules of procedure to govern the conduct of its meetings, any of its other functions and activities, and regulations pertaining thereto.

The City Council Code of Conduct and Governance Protocols may only be revised by ordinance, however any of the appendices created by 3rd parties may be updated with the latest information upon approval of a City Council Minute Order.

SECTION 6: The Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of American Canyon, State of California, held on the 15th day of October, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Joseph, Washington, Oro
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Aboudamous, Garcia

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of American Canyon, State of California, held on the 19th day of November, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Joseph, Washington, Oro, Garcia
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Aboudamous




Leon Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Taresa Geiffuss, CMC, City Clerk



William D. Ross, City Attorney