



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS (2013-2014)

Pursuant to Sec. 2-582 of the City of Racine Code of Ethics, the Board of Ethics submits this report to the Mayor and Common Council.

IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Code of Ethics of the City of Racine requires that all elected city officials and designated city employees file a Statement of Economic Interests. All appointed officers who serve on city boards, committees and commissions without salary are required to file a certification that the officer has received a copy of the laws and ordinances related to conduct prohibited in the state and city codes of ethics and that he or she has read such provisions and agrees to abide by the applicable standards of conduct. It is the responsibility of the Board of Ethics to develop the necessary forms, provide them to officers and employees, and monitor filing of the completed forms.

In the 2013-2014 report period, all elected officials and designated employees filed the required Statement of Economic Interests. All nonsalaried appointees who were appointed in the 2013-2014 reporting period signed the required certification.

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS

The Code of Ethics authorizes the Board of Ethics to receive and act upon complaints alleging violations of the Code of Ethics. The Board of Ethics stated in its 2012-2013 report that four complaints had been received. The complaints were dismissed because the Board found that there was not probable cause to believe that the complaints stated violations of the Code of Ethics.

An additional four complaints have been received in 2013-2014. Three were dismissed by the Board because the Board found that there was not probable cause to believe that the complaints stated violations of the Code of Ethics.

The Board found that there was probable cause to believe that the fourth complaint stated a violation of the Code of Ethics. An evidentiary hearing has been scheduled on that complaint.

BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Ethics was composed of the following members for the period covered by this report:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term expires:</u>
Diana Valencia	May 1, 2014
Russell Missureli	May 1, 2015
Douglas Nicholson	May 1, 2016
Ernest Garrison	May 1, 2017
Lincoln Murphy	May 1, 2018
Mary Wyant (chair)	May 1, 2019

One seat on the board has been vacant. It has been filled with the appointment of Ernest Garrison.

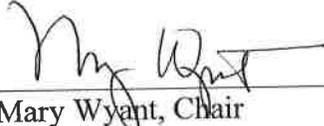
In addition, the board has been staffed by City Attorney Robert Weber, Assistant City Attorney Nicole Loop, and City Clerk Janice Johnson-Martin. They have done outstanding work for the board.

SUMMARY

Administration of the reporting and certification requirements of the Code of Ethics was accomplished smoothly and successfully in 2013-2014. The Board of Ethics is privileged to assist in implementing the city Code of Ethics.

Date: 4/24/2014

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Wyant, Chair