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BOARD OF ETHICS

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DATE: January 21, 2011
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SUBJECT: Annual Report 2010

The Board of Ethics met eight times in 2010 and issued three written advisory opinions, two of which were confidential. The opinions dealt with the following subjects:

1. The acceptance of an unsolicited gift of event tickets and the monetary parameters of "unsolicited item(s) of nominal intrinsic value";
2. The acceptance of recognition awards by employees which included plaques and cash awards; and
3. Whether certain business dealings would conflict with a council member's responsibilities in his/her present position with the City.

The Board investigated one complaint, finding no probable cause that a violation of ethics ordinance § 12 ½ -31 occurred. This finding was submitted to the City Council in a confidential report.

In addition, the Board also provided the Public Services Committee with recommendations regarding amendments to Chapter 12 ½ of the Revised Ordinances of Sioux Falls.

Board member Lloyd Stivers' term expired in December, 2009 with Robert Swanhorst being appointed in February, 2010 to fill the vacancy.

Pursuant to Sec. 12 ½ -11(b) of the Revised Ordinances of Sioux Falls, it should be noted that the only cost associated with the Board's activities in 2010, was the recognition award given to Lloyd Stivers in the amount of \$54.00.

Attachment

City of Sioux Falls Board of Ethics Opinions and Complaints, 2001-2010

