

**A RESOLUTION OF CENSURE OF COUNCIL MEMBER DON ROMINES**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2023-100R, a resolution of Council Member Don Romines was considered by the City Council on January 17, 2023. This resolution was put forth due to erratic, threatening and unbecoming behavior on the part of the Council Member Don Romines while interacting with employees of the city and elected officials.

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Don Romines instructed the City Attorney Brad Eidson to write Bill 105 and Bill 106 without the expressed direction of the majority of the board, and without prior approval from the City Administrator. (Sec. 2-87, Sec 79-110).

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Don Romines created a hostile work environment by informing city employees of his intent and expectation to fire the City Administrator. (Sec 2-49, Sec 2-87). As a result of Council Member Romines actions toward city employees and elected officials, there have been five employees that have resigned, stating that Council Member Romines was a factor.

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Don Romines acted alone on two documented occasions (emails) where he directly interfered with negotiations during the hiring process of the City Administrator (Sec 2-87).

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Don Romines knowingly seconded a motion to hire a person that did not complete the interview process (Sec. 2-87, Sec 2-49).

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Don Romines violated Sec.2-85, which states that the city administrator shall be responsible for keeping the public informed of the purposes and methods of city government through available news media. Council Member Don Romines, on his own, wrote a statement that he intended to have printed in the news media, where he declared that the entire board of alderman had a part of writing the statement, which was not true. (Sec. 2-85, 2-87).

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Don Romines has, on several occasions, displayed disrespectful behaviors toward the Mayor. Council Member Romines has repeatedly called the Mayor "crazy", "violent", "a liar", and mocked the Mayor. When Council Member Romines was asked about violating 2-87, Council Member Romines said, "I can talk to whomever the hell I want"(Sec. 79-110, Sec. 2-87)

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2022, Council Member Romines stated to another alderman "you are going to regret that" which led to a corrupt vote on November 21, 2022 which was the first reading of the budget. (Sec 2-401)

**WHEREAS**, on January 03, 2023, Council Member Don Romines continues his corruption by demanding another alderman to vote, during open session, of a Board of Alderman meeting (Sec 2-49, Sec 2-87, Sec 79-110, Sec 2-401).

**WHEREAS**, despite the Council's forbearance in May 2022, Council Member Romines has continued to act in a manner beneath the dignity of the office of City Council Member with needlessly confrontational and demeaning behavior, lack of decorum and on several occasions a complete disregard of the City's procedures, norms, and rules;

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Romines has on several occasions used crude, threatening, and inappropriate actions in his personal attacks of the Mayor, City employees, and other Council Members; and continues to involve himself in day-to-day operations of the City;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One.** The City Council of the City of Houston hereby expresses its disappointment in the unacceptable conduct of Council Member Don Romines in conducting his official duties while interacting with the Mayor, fellow City Council Members, other City officials and city employees.

**Section Two.** The City Council further expresses to Council Member Romines the desire to move forward to give Council Member Romines a hearing with the Board of Alderman sitting as the Board of Impeachment.

**Section Three.** The City Clerk is instructed to lodge this Resolution in the official records of the City.

**Section Four.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CITY OF Houston BY:

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Willy Walker, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Heather Sponsler, CITY CLERK