

Resolution 212

**RESOLUTION CENSURING MAYOR LEONARD FOR SENDING LETTER, SIGNED AS MAYOR, ON CITY LETTERHEAD, TO REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY, ON CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT, WITHOUT APPROVAL VOTE FROM CITY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, Mayor Jack Leonard was previously advised by the City Council not to send letters dealing with controversial subjects and purporting to come from the City of Chesterfield representing the position of the City without a vote of the City Council on the subject; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Jack Leonard, on 28 October 1996, sent a letter to State Representative Jim Murphy purporting to state a position of the City supporting TIF Financing without the City Council's knowledge, approval, or vote on the subject; said letter being on official City of Chesterfield letterhead and signed as "Jack Leonard, Mayor"; and,

WHEREAS, anyone seeing this letter is likely to assume that it comes from the City of Chesterfield as an official position of the City of Chesterfield,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, CENSURE THE MAYOR FOR HIS ACTION IN SENDING THE AFORESAID LETTER;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INSTRUCT THE MAYOR THAT HE IS NOT TO SEND ANY LETTER ON OFFICIAL CITY OF CHESTERFIELD LETTERHEAD OR SIGNED AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD UNLESS THE CITY COUNCIL REVIEWS AND APPROVES SAID LETTER BEFORE IT IS SENT OR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR REVIEWS SAID LETTER AND APPROVES IT AS NOT CONTROVERSIAL.**

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