

**RESOLUTION**  
**Town of Grand Rapids**  
**Wood County, Wisconsin**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2019-12**  
**Re: Ordinance No. 12 – Gifts and Gratuities**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin,  
RESOLVES as follows:

Ordinance 12 – Gifts and Gratuities is hereby amended as presented.

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under Chapters 60 and 66 of Wisconsin Statutes, and specifically § 60.22, Wis. Stats. to amend this ordinance.

The Ordinance has been revised to read as follows:

**12.1 Purpose**

The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public has confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is established this Ordinance for all Town officials and employees, whether elected or appointed. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct relating to gifts and gratuities for all such officials and employees by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the Town. The Town Board believes that an ordinance relating to receipt of gifts or gratuities for the guidance of Town officials and employees will help avoid conflicts which are substantial and material between one's personal interests and their public responsibilities.

**12.2 State Law Adopted**

The provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes related to the Code of Ethics for Local Government Officials, Employees, and Candidates, Wis. Stat. Secs. 19.42, 19.46, and 19.59, as they may be amended or renumbered from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference in this Ordinance as if fully set forth.

**12.3 Gifts and Gratuities**

- A. No Town official or employee may solicit or accept any gift, favor or thing having more than nominal value from any person who, to his or her knowledge is interested, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever in business dealings with the Town. Nor shall any such official or employee accept any gift, favor or thing of value that may tend to influence him or her in the discharge of his or her duties or grant in the discharge of his or her duties any improper favor, service or thing of value. Favors shall include, but are not limited to admission tickets to entertainment events, restaurant meals, transportation for personal purposes and providing accommodations at a hotel or resort.
- B. Absent other unusual circumstances, the following actions of Town officials or employees shall not be deemed to be a violation of this Ordinance:
1. Receipt of a gift that is an unsolicited item of nominal intrinsic value.
  2. Receipt of mementos (i.e. coffee cups, pens, paperweights, etc.), provided the value received does not exceed \$20.00 and that distribution is of a general nature.
  3. Attendance or participation at ceremonial events (i.e. groundbreaking, grand openings, receptions, as well as business lunches, outings and conferences) provided there is no intent to

influence the Town official or employee and the value received does not exceed \$30.00.

4. Attendance or participation at events or functions sponsored by the Town where there is no intent to influence the Town official or employee.

C. Gifts or favors received under unusual circumstances not addressed under this Ordinance shall be referred to the Town Board for recommended disposition. Any person subject to this Ordinance who becomes aware that he or she is or has been offered any gift, the acceptance of which would constitute a violation of this subsection, shall disclose the details surrounding said offer to their supervisor or the Town Board. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement shall constitute an offense under this Ordinance.

**12.4 Town Policy**

The receipt of any gift, gratuity, or anything of value as denoted above is contrary to the public policy of the Town of Grand Rapids.

This ordinance amended by a majority of the town board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, amends the attached **Ordinance 12 – Gifts and Gratuities**.

Motion		For	Against	Abstain	Absent	ACTION TAKEN
<u>2</u>	Arne Nystrom	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted as presented
	Bill Clendenning	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended
	Patty Lumby	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
<u>1</u>	Dan Paulsen	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled until _____
	Andrew Simon	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to _____

I, Lisa Dotter, Clerk for the Town of Grand Rapids, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by the Town Board, Town of Grand Rapids, County of Wood.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

By: Arne Nystrom  
Arne Nystrom, Town Chairman

By: Lisa Dotter  
Lisa Dotter, Clerk