

**AN ORDINANCE**

**TO CLARIFY, STRUCTURE, AND REGULATE THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SALARIED POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COORDINATOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the duly elected Greenville County Council members are elected by the people of Greenville County to represent the interest of the people of Greenville County; and,

**WHEREAS**, no person on the Greenville County payroll, or person receiving expenditures from Greenville County funds, shall purport to represent the interests of the people of Greenville County, the Greenville County Council, or the government of Greenville County, except under the informed direction of the majority of the members of the Greenville County Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, for the purposes of this ordinance, “represent the interest(s) of the people of Greenville County, the Greenville County Council, or the government of Greenville County shall mean lobbying activities, advocacy for state or federal legislation, communication with state or federal executive, legislator, lawmaker, judge, justice, or any of their agents, assigns, or staff regarding policy, taxation, ordinances, legislation, or any matter involving the ordinances, taxation, civil rights, business, or property laws or policy of Greenville County or the people of Greenville County; and,

**WHEREAS**, “represent the interest of the people of Greenville County, the Greenville County Council, or the government of Greenville County” shall be defined as, activities to influence the passage, defeat, or modification of legislation, regulations, policies, or decisions of any legislative body, government agency, or elected official. For the purposes of this Ordinance, this activity will use the shorthand, “advocacy.”

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by Greenville County Council:

1. The Greenville County Governmental Affairs Coordinator (GCGAC), or its functional equivalent, shall be prohibited from engaging in any activities to influence the passage, defeat, or modification of legislation, regulations, policies, or decisions of any legislative body, government agency, or elected official, unless and until, prior to the advocacy activity, the GCGAC:
  - A. Five (5) business days before a duly called and quorum(ed) meeting of the Greenville County Council, the GCGAC presents to the Council members, in writing, a proposed advocacy plan that includes:
    1. The general topic of the advocacy,
    2. The desired outcome to be presented and advocated for,
    3. A detailed list of the officials to be advocated to, including name, position or title, government elected to or represented by, the day and time for scheduled meeting with each official, and the method of recording the advocacy meeting.
  - B. After receipt of the proposed advocacy plan, as specified above in Section A, the County Council, at the duly called and quorum(ed) meeting of the Greenville County Council, by majority vote, approves the proposed advocacy plan in whole.

- C. The GCGAC shall keep a detailed log of all advocacy activity including the officials advocated to, including name, position or title, government elected to or represented by, the day and time of the meeting with each official, and the method of recording used.
  - D. The GCGAC shall prepare an executive summary of the week's advocacy activity, if any, and shall, each Friday of each week, report to the Clerk of the County Council, his or her executive summary and detailed log of all advocacy activity.
  - E. Failure of the GCGAC to follow the above protocol shall result in the immediate suspension of the position and cause for termination.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

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Dan Tripp, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

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Regina McCaskill  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator