

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Howard Tipton, Town Manager
FROM: Trish Shinkle, Town Clerk
REPORT DATE: August 24, 2023
MEETING DATE: September 11, 2023
SUBJECT: Resolution 2023-27, Providing for Reimbursement of Fess Paid for the Preparation of Florida Commission on Ethics Forms 6 and 6F

Recommended Action

Pass Resolution 2023-27.

Background

The Florida State Legislature introduced legislation during the 2023 Legislative Session, known as Senate Bill (SB) 774, which was approved and signed into law by the Governor of the State of Florida as Chapter 2023-49, Laws of Florida, on May 11, 2023. Effective January 1, 2024, Town Commissioners will be required to electronically file a more detailed financial disclosure (Form 6) than was historically required.

Article II, Section 3, of the Town Charter, provides for reimbursement “for expenses incurred in connection with official duties” and Town Code, Chapter 40, Travel and Reimbursement Policy, provide for reimbursement of other types of expenses incurred by Town Commissioners. No other sections of the Town Code address reimbursement for professional services that may be required to ensure compliance with statutory regulations by seated Town Commissioners.

Concerns have been raised that, due to the complexity in filing Form 6, professional accounting and/or attorney services might be required to complete and file the disclosures electronically in the future. Resolution 2023-27 confirms the public purpose as an appropriate expenditure of public funds for reimbursement of such expenses and outlines the process for reimbursement.

Staff Recommendation

Pass Resolution 2023-27

Attachment

Resolution 2023-27 (Available in the Town Clerk's Office)

End of Agenda Item