

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-13

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

WHEREAS, Councilman Brian E. Lewis, through his actions and words, promoted an unfounded allegation of a potential ethics violation against a member of Council, a method which violates the spirit and purpose of City Ordinance Chapter 30 - Code of Conduct and Ethics Commission, Article III - Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Brian E. Lewis requested and received a legal clarification from City Solicitor Nicholas Rodriguez on September 13, 2017 as to whether a conflict of interest relating to the above referenced Council member existed; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2017, Councilman Brian E. Lewis received a legal clarification from City Solicitor Nicholas Rodriguez that there was no conflict of interest in the matter; and

WHEREAS, according to published reports on September 26, 2017, on September 16, 2017 and again on September 19, 2017, Councilman Brian E. Lewis contacted the *Delaware State News* to encourage news coverage of the perceived conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, according to published reports, Councilman Brian E. Lewis did not disclose to the *Delaware State News* reporter that he had received a response from the City Solicitor that no conflict of interest existed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Members of Council, in Council met, that Councilman Brian E. Lewis is publicly censured for violating the spirit and purpose of City Ordinance Chapter 30 - Code of Conduct and Ethics Commission, Article III - Ethics Commission and, furthermore, for conducting himself in a manner which violates the spirit and purpose of his oath of office administered on May 11, 2015.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 9, 2017

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ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR



TIMOTHY A. SLAVIN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Actions History

10/09/2017 - Introduction - City Council