

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 05

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL TRAVEL, MEALS, AND LODGING EXPENSES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Town of the City of Bloomington Township, McLean County, Illinois is a non-home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, § 8 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, Pub. Act 99 – 0604, requires all non-home rule local public agencies, including townships, to regulate, by ordinance or resolution, the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of their officers and employees by the effective date of January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it must comply with the Act by passage of this ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL TRAVEL, MEAL, AND LODGING EXPENSES OF THEIR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES BE AND HEREBY IS ADOPTED:

Section I. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Entertainment: includes, but is not limited to shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless ancillary to the purpose of the program or event.

Travel: any expenditure directly incident to official travel by employees and officers of the Township or by wards or charges of the Township involving reimbursement to travelers or direct payment to private agencies providing transportation or related services.

Section II. Official Business for which Expenses May Be Reimbursed:

- (1) An official of the Township shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging, related to the following types of official business:
 - a. Education conferences, seminars, workshops, courses, and meetings related to the duties of the officer of the Township;
 - b. Site visits to current or potential vendors/collaborative partners of the Township;

- (2) An employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging, related to the following types of official business:
 - a. Education conferences, seminars, workshops, courses, and meetings related to the duties of the employee of the Township;
 - b. Site visits to current or potential vendors/collaborative partners of the Township;

Section III. Maximum Allowable Reimbursement for Expenses.

- (1) Unless otherwise excepted herein, the maximum allowable reimbursement for an employee or officer of the Township shall be those rates set by the Reimbursement Schedule of the Federal Travel Regulation maintained by the United States General Services Administration in effect at the time the expense was incurred.

Section IV. Approval of Expenses.

The Board of Trustees must approve the following reimbursements for travel, including meals or lodging, by a roll call vote at an open meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- (1) Any expense of any officer or employee that exceeds the maximum permitted in Section III; or
- (2) Any expense of any member of the Board of Trustees of the Township.

Section V. Documentation of Expenses.

Before any reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging may be approved pursuant to Section IV, a standardized form for submission of travel, meal and lodging expenses supported by the following minimum documentation shall first be submitted to the Board of Trustees:

- (1) an estimate of the cost of travel, meals, or lodging if expenses have not been incurred or a receipt of the cost of the travel, meals, or lodging if the expenses have already been incurred;
- (2) the name of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense;
- (3) the job title or office of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense; and
- (4) the date or dates and nature of the official business in which the travel, meal, or lodging expense was or will be expended.

All documents and information submitted under this Section are public records subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1.

Section VI. Entertainment Expenses.

No employee or officer of the Township shall be reimbursed by the Township for any entertainment expense.

Section VII. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Pass by the Board of Trustees this 19th day of December, 2016.

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Cherry L. Lawson
Township Clerk

PASSED and APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2016.

Deborah L. Skillrud
Supervisor

ATTEST:

Cherry L. Lawson
Township Clerk