



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 20-0031-I, Alan Blair

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Alan Blair at its October 5, 2020 meeting.

The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged that Mr. Blair, a member of the Osage Beach Planning Commission, had an impermissible conflict of interest with respect to a rezoning application. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Mr. Blair's interest in a local business rendered him ineligible to vote on the rezoning request, yet he participated in the proceedings.

Section 105.462.1(1), RSMo, provides that:

No member of any agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof who is empowered to adopt a rule or regulation . . . or who is empowered to fix any rate, adopt zoning or land use planning regulations or plans, or who participates in or votes on the adoption of any such rule, regulation, rate or plan shall: (1) Attempt to influence the decision or participate, directly or indirectly, in the decision of the agency in which he or she is a member when he or she knows the result of such decision may be the adoption of rates or zoning plans by the agency which may result in a direct financial gain or loss to him or her, to his or her spouse or a dependent child in his or her custody or to any business with which is or she is associates[.]

Similar, Section 105.452.1(4), RSMo, provides that:

No elected or appointed official or employee of the state or any political subdivision thereof shall: (4) Favorably act on any matter that is so specifically designed so as to provide a special monetary benefit to such official or his spouse or dependent children[.]

Upon investigation, it was determined that Mr. Blair did participate in the rezoning vote as alleged. However, the vote on the rezoning request would not result in a "direct financial gain or loss" to Mr. Blair, nor was the matter designed to "provide a special monetary benefit" to him. Accordingly, his participation in the rezoning request matter did not present a conflict of interest under these statutes.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the Chapter 105, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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