



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 21-0035-I, Maurice Hunt

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Maurice Hunt at its September 24, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Hunt serves on the Normandy City Council. The complaint that was filed with the Commission alleged that Mr. Hunt had violated Normandy City policy and the Missouri Constitution's nepotism clause by employing his stepson, Jayden Smith.

Article VII, Section 6 of the Missouri Constitution provides the following penalty for governmental nepotism:

Any public officer or employee in this state who by virtue of his office or employment names or appoints to public office or employment any relative within the fourth degree, consanguinity or affinity, shall thereby forfeit his office or employment.

Consanguinity is a reference to blood relations; affinity refers to relationships by marriage.

The investigation conducted by the MEC found that Jayden Smith was employed by the City of Normandy for a brief time. However, Mr. Hunt did not hire or appoint Jayden Smith, nor did he supervise him during his employment. More to the point: Mr. Hunt and Jayden Smith were not related by blood or marriage at that time.

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

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