



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 25-0053-I City of Ballwin, Alderman Mike Finley, Former Mayor Tim Pogue, Mayor and Former Alderman Mark Stallman, and Former Alderman Mike Utt

Date: December 19, 2025

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against the City of Ballwin, Alderman Mike Finley, Former Mayor Tim Pogue, Mayor and Former Alderman Mark Stallman, and Former Alderman Mike Utt, at its December 19, 2025, meeting.

The Commission received a complaint alleging the respondents were in violation of City of Ballwin, Code of Ordinance No. 20.03, § 1, 2-24-20, Section 17-123 Unauthorized use of any symbol, insignia, seal or logo of the city and City of Ballwin, Code of Ordinance 1973 § 2-275, Section 2-155 Municipal political activity prohibited. These allegations were the result of respondents wearing City of Ballwin issued nametags at polling places.

The investigation found Respondents did not violate local ordinances when wearing city-issued name tags on personal time, specifically while campaigning in local elections. As explained by the City of Ballwin's attorney, the intent of Section 17-123 "Unauthorized use of any symbol, insignia." of the City of Ballwin, Code of Ordinance No. 20-03, § 1, 2-24-20, is to prohibit unauthorized reproduction of the City's trademarks for commercial use.

Section 2-155 "Municipal political activity prohibited." of the City of Ballwin, Code of Ordinance 1973, § 2-275, applies to the conduct of the City Administrator. He did not use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election as he was not aware of or otherwise involved in the actions specified in the complaint.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds to support one or more violations of local ordinances, and dismiss.

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