BILL NO. G-26-11-34

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30: HOME RULE OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 30.07 Promotional Expenses of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana Code of Ordinances is added as follows:

30.07 PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES

(1) *"Promotional Expenses" defined.* Expenditures that:

(a) promote the City, economic development, or tourism;

(b) advance relationships with the community or other units of government; or

(c) are deemed of a governmental nature by the Mayor.

(2) *Mayor approved expenses include, but not limited to:*

(a) Civic hosting: expenses of hosting official City guests, dignitaries, or state/federal officials whose visit benefits the City.

(b) Economic Development: expenses incurred in attracting, retaining, and promoting tourism and industrial, commercial, and residential development.

(c) Employee recognition: expenses incurred in commemorative or award plaques, certificates, or other similar items.

(d) Official City meetings and Community events: Room rentals, incidental expenses, and meals for official City Government meetings and City-sponsored community events.

(e) Membership/Association Dues: Local/Regional/State/National associations for which membership benefits the City.

(3) *Expenses strictly prohibited:*

(a) Personal expenses that do not serve a clear, distinct City government purpose.

(b) Purchase of items, apparel, or merchandise for self-promotion or political activity.

(1) Elected and appointed officials may not use public funds to purchase personalized items bearing their own name, image, or likeness for general giveaways.
(2) This guideline does **not** apply to items that are permitted by law, are part of official employee recruitment or recognition, or support an identifiable City program or activity.

(c) purchase of alcohol, tobacco, or similar natured products.

(d) purchase of lottery, raffle, or gaming related products.

(4) *Donations:*

(a) private donations may be used in accordance with donor's stipulations.

(b) if the donor does not restrict usage, the Mayor has the discretion to use the donation in any manner including but not limited to the aforementioned allowable uses.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Malak Heiny, City Attorney