

PETITION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF _____

Proposed amendment would add new section X as follows:

Section x

1. **Purpose.** The People of the City of Saginaw find that transparency is the key to accountability in Government, and that accountability is the key to fiscal responsibility. Therefore, it is the intention of this section to discern and deter overspending, fraud, nepotism, cronyism, and corrupt pay-to-play practices, and abuse of authority by making all government business transparent and easily accessible to concerned citizens on the official City of _____ Internet website as provided in this section.
2. **Publication.** Each Registry established in this section is public record and shall be promptly published and regularly updated on the official City of Saginaw Internet website in indexed searchable format accessible by members of the public anonymously. Persons who are required to make disclosures in the Registry of City Contractor Disclosures and the Registry of Disclosed City Officials and Employee Affiliations shall bear personally responsibility to enter and review for accuracy all required disclosures into the registries according to methods in common use for data collection on internet websites. The city manager is directly responsible for facilitating methods in common use for data collection on internet websites, and all other requirements of this section. The city clerk is directly responsible for current and timely publication of the registries and other information required by this section.
3. **Registry of City Spending.** All payments of money to any person made by or on behalf of the city, its departments, agents, or affiliates, shall be documented by payee name, date, and amount, and made part of a Registry of City Spending. Each party to any other contract, grant award, court order, or other binding covenant to which the city is a party and which would result in payment shall be included in this registry.
4. **Registry of City Contracts.** Copies of all contracts, grant awards, court orders, or other binding covenant to which the city is a party, and any addenda thereto, shall be made part of a Registry of City Contracts. This subsection shall not require online dissemination of bona fide proprietary technical trade secrets of a contractor.
5. **Registry of City Contractor Disclosures.** Parties to contracts, grant awards, or other binding covenants for payment with the city shall execute a conflict of interest statement as a condition to payment, updated at least annually. Parties that are publically traded companies registered with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, and payees of incidental payments less than \$100, but not more than \$500 cumulatively, are not required to provide identifying information or business stakeholders for the registry, provided all such payments and payees shall be accurately identified and accounted for. The statements, and the disclosures made therein, shall be made part of a City Contractor Disclosures and shall certify that the individual has made, personally entered, and reviewed for accuracy all required disclosures into the City Contractor Disclosures. Required disclosures shall include disclosure of all potential conflicts of interest, disclosure of any business stakeholder relationships, and shall disclose each known business or family relationship with any person named in the Registry of City Officials and Employees, or shall certify that upon careful examination of the certify that, upon careful examination of the Registry of City Officials and Employees, no such known relationships exist.
6. **Registry of City Officials and Employees.** Each city employee, appointed officer, agent, elected official, member of any authority, board, commission, or committee shall be made part of a Registry of City Officials and Employees.
7. **Registry of Disclosed City Officials and Employee Affiliations.** Each city employee, appointed officer, agent, elected official, member of any authority, board, commission, or committee shall execute a conflict of interest statement, updated at least annually. The statements, and the disclosures made therein, shall be made part of Registry of Disclosed City Officials and Employee Affiliations and shall certify that the individual has made, personally entered, and reviewed for accuracy all required disclosures into the Registry of Disclosed City Officials and Employee Affiliations. Required disclosures shall include all potential conflicts of interest, and shall disclose each known business or family relationship with any person named in the Registry of City Officials and Employees, the Registry of City Spending, and the Registry of City Contractor Disclosures, or shall certify that upon careful examination of the no such known relationships exist.
8. **Definitions.** As used in this section;
 - a. Business stakeholder means an owner, member, partner, investor, shareholder, officer, director, supervisor, manager, or a subcontractor that accounts for more than 50% of a contract.
 - b. Business relationship includes, but is not limited to, partnership, employment or contractor relationship, ownership interest in a payee, common membership on a board of directors of payee, but does not include an incidental arm's length customer-provider relationship.
 - c. Family relationship means any relative by blood or marriage within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity (parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, niece, nephew, child, grandchild, or great grandchild) or a significant other or person treated as a family member who resides in the same household.
9. **Compliance.** Willful failure to comply with this section, and any attempt to circumvent this transparency measure by use of other persons as conduits, or by other means of concealment, shall result in the debarment, termination, or disqualification of the person who conceals information or willfully fails to comply with this section.
10. **Legislative.** This section is self-executing. However, the city council may by ordinance adjust for inflation the monetary thresholds established in this section consistent with the consumer price index, may adapt collection, processing, and publication methods to future technological capabilities, and may enhance but shall not diminish the transparency measures established by this section.