

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY
FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly enacted Public Act 101-00652, known as the SAFE-T Act amending the Illinois Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act by adding a new section at 50 ILCS 105/4.1; and

WHEREAS, 50 ILCS 105/4.1 prohibits a unit of local government, or any agent or representative of a unit of local government, from retaliating against an employee or contractor who reports an improper governmental action as defined under 50 ILCS 105/4.1; cooperates with an investigation by an auditing official related to a report of improper governmental action; or, testifies in a proceeding or prosecution arising out of an improper governmental action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Peoria, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Whistleblower Protection Policy, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A to this Ordinance, is hereby adopted.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolutions and policies or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of the conflict, expressly repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 4. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is declared to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

Section 5. The Clerk is directed by the corporate authorities to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS this _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTENTIONS: _____
ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Interim Corporation Counsel