

8.15 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

City employees will not be appointed or retained on the basis of their political support or activities. City employees are encouraged to vote and to exercise other prerogatives of citizenship consistent with State and Federal law and these policies. A City employee may not:

- Publicly endorse or campaign in any manner for any person seeking a City of Mineola public office.
- Use his/her position or office to coerce political support from employees or citizens.
- Use his/her official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of a campaign issue, an election or nomination for City of Mineola public office.
- Make, solicit or receive any contribution to the campaign funds of any candidate, directly or indirectly through an organization or association, for the City Council; or take any part in the management, affairs or political campaign of any such candidate; provided nothing herein shall infringe the constitutional rights of such office or employee to express his or her opinions and to cast his or her vote.
- Use working hours or City property to be in any way concerned with soliciting or receiving any subscription, contribution or political service or to circulate petitions or campaign literature on behalf of an election issue or candidates for public office in any jurisdiction.
- Contribute money, labor, time or other valuable thing to any person for City election purposes.
- Hold or seek an appointive or elective office of public trust where service would constitute a direct conflict of interest with City employment, e.g. City Council. Upon becoming a candidate or otherwise deciding to seek or assume such an office, an employee must immediately resign or will be dismissed upon failure to do so.