



1            Section 2:     Section 2.78.060 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

2     “Section 2.78.060 Prohibited conduct.

3     The following conduct is prohibited and shall be subject to the complaint procedures established in  
4     this chapter. It may be unethical for any public official to engage in one or more of the following  
5     prohibited actions:

6     A. *Use of official title or position for personal gain prohibited.* Public officials of the City of Riverside  
7     shall not use their official title or position for personal gain. Personal gain includes, but is not limited  
8     to, situations wherein a public official solicits or accepts items of value in consideration of their official  
9     title or position. This does not include obtaining benefits that are otherwise permitted or authorized by  
10    law. Therefore, acceptance of gifts shall otherwise be consistent with the requirements and limitations  
11    allowable by law. Public officials shall refrain from the following: (a) accepting gifts or favors that  
12    may compromise independent judgment or give the appearance of compromised judgment; (b) using  
13    official title for matters other than the official conduct of their office; and (c) engaging in decisions  
14    which would affect the level of compensation received for service except as otherwise required or  
15    allowed by law.

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17    N. *Convictions of federal or state law affecting their office prohibited.* No public official of the City  
18    of Riverside shall be convicted, or enter a plea of no contest, of a violation of any state or federal law  
19    that affects the performance of their duties in the office that they hold.

20    O. *Digital misconduct prohibited.* Those subject to this code are prohibited from engaging in  
21    digital misconduct, while acting in an official capacity. Online activity or messages that create, or  
22    appear to create, bias, partisanship, or predisposition on City matters that fall within the subject matter  
23    jurisdiction of the public official and are quasi-judicial proceedings are strictly prohibited. Any  
24    violation of prohibited conduct under this code shall be limited to online activity while representing  
25    the public official’s appointed or elected position using official City accounts. Sanctions for this  
26    paragraph shall be limited to censure only.

27            Section 3: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information  
28    contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that  
this ordinance is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

1 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060, subdivision (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct  
2 or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15061, subdivision (b)(3)  
3 (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment). In  
4 addition to the foregoing general exemptions, the City Council further finds that this ordinance is  
5 categorically exempt from review under CEQA under the Class 8 Categorical Exemption (regulatory  
6 activity to assure the protection of the environment), CEQA Guidelines section 15308.

7 Section 4: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication  
8 once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City  
9 of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

10 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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12 \_\_\_\_\_  
13 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON  
14 Mayor of the City of Riverside

15 Attest:

16 \_\_\_\_\_  
17 DONESIA GAUSE  
18 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

19 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the  
20 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council  
21 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

22 Ayes:

23 Noes:

24 Absent:

25 Abstain:

26 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
27 City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.  
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DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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