

Ethics Complaint Against Councilman Larry Hill

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Respondent Information Name: Councilman Larry Hill

Statement of Facts I am submitting this ethics complaint against Councilman Larry Hill for publicly disclosing incorrect and misleading information regarding myself, a local citizen. The letter to the editor written by Mr. Hill in the Journal Messenger has exposed me to possible slander or defamation of character. It not only jeopardizes me personally but in the community as a whole. He stated complete non-truths after he was informed on more than one occasion that an ethics complaint cannot be filed against me. The backstory is a citizen filed an ethics complaint against me and was advised that this could not happen as I am not an elected official nor a city employee. Councilman Hill was also advised of this fact and still stated publicly in an open letter that I “had an ethics complaint” which is factually inaccurate and misrepresents the rights and procedures afforded to citizens under Georgia law.

This statement was made [in the Journal Messenger (copy included) in a Letter to the Editor dated September 11, 2025]. The misinformation not only undermines public trust in the ethics process but also potentially discourages legitimate complaints from being filed, thereby obstructing transparency and accountability in public service.

Council Member Hill’s actions may constitute a violation of ethical standards expected of elected officials, including the duty to provide truthful information and uphold the integrity of public institutions. I respectfully request that this matter be investigated, and appropriate action taken to ensure accountability and prevent further dissemination of false information.

Supporting Evidence

- Any written or published materials containing the statement.
- Any notes taken or recordings made at the council meetings where the statement was made. This includes any council member as well as the city attorney who to my understanding made it perfectly clear I am exempt from an ethics complaint.

Requested Action I ask that the ethics board review this complaint, investigate the circumstances surrounding Councilman Hill's statement, and determine whether disciplinary action or corrective measures are warranted.

Respectfully,


Tina B. Bailey


NOTARY 2:20 p.m.



Editorial

Letter to the Editor: Council member responds to allegations

I am in receipt of an ethics complaint filed by Lisa Fisher against me and an ethics complaint filed by Rebecca Preston against Mayor Bruce Eaton and Tina Bailey. As Mayor Pro Tem, it is my elected duty to adhere to the charter and local ordinances regarding all ethical complaints.

At this time, during an investigation, I have and will continue to communicate

with the city's attorney regarding this matter.

I am in charge and would lead this investigation with integrity and full transparency. It would be unwise to call together an ethics review committee at this time.

Upon the commencement of the special election held in September 2015, I will, at that time, identify and appoint the investigation committee

that will oversee and explore the specifics related to the ethics violation lodged against Mayor Bailey and his wife. This will ensure proper implementation of a formal process for investigating and acting on ethical violations, coupled with my leadership, commitment and strengthening ethical conduct within the city.

The citizens of District

One and the city of Washington deserve full representation and transparency of the elected officials and to be informed of matters which may affect the constituency and/or city government. I will make sure this process is followed by my leadership.

In reference to the complaint lodged against me by Fisher, I explore a thorough investigation, and I commit to

a state of full cooperation with the investigation committee. I hereby state that I am not complicit nor have any knowledge that would warrant an allegation as presented.

I look forward to cooperating with the investigation committee and being cleared of all allegations.

Per Larry Hill Dist. 1 City Council member

Over the years, our government has expanded dramatically, all with the objective of improving our lives.

Yet, with all of this, confidence that Americans express in our country and its major institu-



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the management of the corporation is economic, not political. The corporation controls assets, owned by its shareholders, and those shareholders are chosen to own shares in the firm, which they can sell over the firm.

became just one of numerous "shareholders" to which the management was responsible to serve. Suddenly, customers, suppliers, employees, communities in which the companies do business, went unrepresented.

Regarding business, back in 2002, Gates had "agreed a lot" of confidence in big business. Now, six years after the Business Roundtable corporate executives

Maybe partly driven by President Donald Trump. Maybe driven by the realities of an increasingly competitive global marketplace. This is a good and healthy sign.

Business gets back to business