

September 19, 2025

I, Mayor Bruce Bailey, am filing an ethics complaint on Councilman Larry Hill for violation of the City of Washington's Ordinance **Sec. 2-234**. Which states the following.

“The complaint shall be filed with the mayor or in the event of a complaint pertaining to the mayor the complaint shall be filed with the mayor pro tem. **Upon receipt of a complaint,** and if the complaint is against an elected or appointed official or the city administrator, the mayor **shall appoint three members of council,** who along with the city attorney shall constitute an investigating committee. **In the event the complaint is against, the mayor protem shall appoint said committee as described above.** “

Councilman Hill obtained receipt of an ethics complaint against myself, Mayor Bruce Bailey, on 08/15/2025 and held off appointing three councilmembers until 9/16/2025 after the election in which he appointed a newly elected councilmember that has not been sworn in to serve and the elections were not certified at that time.

Websters dictionary states the following regarding shall. Shall “is used to express a command or exhortation also, used in laws, regulations, or directives to express what is mandatory.” Since councilman Hill did not follow the ordinances, I have no recourse but to follow the below:

Section 2-235. (a)

“Any city official who knowingly violates any provision of the code of ethics provided in this article shall be subject to private reprimand, public censure, or a request for resignation by the city council.”

As mayor and Chief Executive Officer, I advised council at my first meeting that it is my job to uphold and follow the ordinances along with policy and procedures of the city of Washington to the best of my abilities. I had asked councilman hill several times to appoint the three members and he did not according to our ordinances therefore I am following through with this ethics complaint. It pains me to do this as the councilmembers should know that they are held to a high standard and should be above petty discourse.

Mayor Bruce A. Bailey

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