

Political Corruption Illegal or Just Offensively Self Serving

Our City Commissioners have established an all time low standard for public service – barely legal. They believe that as long as their actions are “barely legal”, let’s do it and if the citizens of Tallahassee don’t like it let them sue us! A recent ruling in Circuit Court concluded that a politician’s action might be wrong, unethical and a breach of public trust but not illegal.

For example:

1. Our City Commission’s decision to give themselves a \$22,000 “deferred” compensation plan 100% paid by tax payer money – illegal or offensively self serving?
2. Is building an industrial complex next to an established residential neighborhood – illegal or just offensively self serving?
3. Allowing a City Commissioner to profit handsomely from a business that contracted to provide products and services to the city – illegal or offensively self serving?
4. The mayor giving his campaign manager and friend \$120,000 to \$150,000 to work for 60 days – illegal or offensively self serving?
5. City Commissioners voted to change the City Charter which allowed them to appoint a friend with similar views who they felt they could work with rather than allowing the public to vote – illegal or just offensively self serving?
6. A mayor whose salary is set by City Charter to be \$72,010 has quietly established a golden benefit package of \$50,509 for a total annual compensation of \$122,519 – illegal or offensively self serving?
7. After I made a public presentation based on information given to me by the City Department of Management and Budget, I’m criticized by Commissioner Gillum for presenting information he claimed was unsubstantiated and contained falsehoods. He knew the information was factual but called me a liar publicly to discredit the damaging information – illegal or offensively self serving?

Tallahassee citizens must join the battle against public corruption and with their support elect a City Commission that will raise the standard for public service from “barely legal” to service based on honesty and integrity.

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