Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

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Ordinance Adopting the State Board of Accounts Internal Controls Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions as the Internal Control Policy of Montgomery County, Indiana

Whereas, Indiana Code §5-11-1-27 requires each political subdivision to maintain a system of internal controls in order to promote accountability and transparency; and

Whereas, in September 2015, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-11-1-27(e), the Indiana State Board of Accounts developed and published the Uniform Internal Controls Standards for Indiana Political Subdivision in order to provide the basis of common understanding to assist public sector managers in complying with the internal control requirements; and

Whereas, the Uniform Internal Controls Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions manual contains the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards; and

Whereas, pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-11-1-27(g), after June 30, 2016 all Indiana political subdivisions must develop local policies regarding Internal Controls and ensure that personnel receive training on Internal Controls; and

Whereas, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners find that the County's policy regarding Internal Controls should be the internal controls standards as set forth by the State Board of Accounts Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions manual; and

Whereas, an Oversight Committee should be established to develop policies and procedures which implement the Uniform Internal Control Standards and comply with Indiana law.

It is therefore ordained that Montgomery County hereby adopts as policy the internal control standards as set forth by the State Board of Accounts Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions manual as expressly written and published by the Indiana State Board of Accounts in September 2015, as amended from time to time.

It is further ordained that a new section, Section 36.21 Internal Control Standards, is hereby added to the Montgomery County Code, and it reads as follows:

"Section 36.21 INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Montgomery County adopts as policy the internal control standard as set forth by the Indiana State Board of Accounts Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions manual as expressly written and published by the Indiana State Board of Accounts in September 2015, as amended from time to time. In order to implement these standards, there is established an Internal Control Standards Oversight Committee. This Committee will consist of a Commissioner selected by the Board of Commissioners, a member of the County Council selected by the County Council, the Auditor, the Treasurer, the Recorder, the Clerk, the Health Department Director, Building Commissioner, the Sheriff, Chief Probation Officer and County Attorney. All officers, elected officials and employees are required to comply with the policy. Employees who fail to comply with this policy are subject to discipline, including but not limited to termination of their employment."

It is further ordained that this ordinance takes effect upon its adoption by the majority of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners.

It is further ordained that any Internal Control Standard of Montgomery County adopted prior to the adoption of this ordinance is superseded by this ordinance.

It is further ordained that any provision of Section 36 of the Montgomery County Code which not expressly modified by this ordinance will remain in full force and effect.

Adopted this 25th day of January, 2016

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners:

ames D. Fulwider, President

Phil Bane, Vice President

Terry Hockersmith, Member

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Jennifer Andel, Montgomery County Auditor

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