



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date: August 25, 2010

To: John Szerlag, City Manager

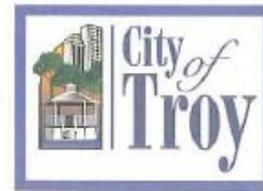
From: Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk

Subject: Adoption of Troy City Council Code of Ethics

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### Background

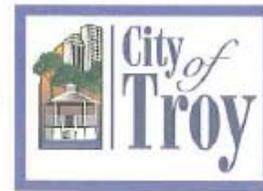
The attached document reflects the City Council recommended Code of Ethic document as proposed at the Council Study Session held on Monday, August 16, 2010 with the inclusion of Council Member Kerwin's proposed modification, which was laid on the Council table at the Regular City Council meeting of August 23, 2010.



## **Troy City Council Code of Ethics**

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- Respect the confidentiality of privileged information;
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- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all council members;
- Seek systematic communications between council, staff, and all elements of the community;
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Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member