SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS MONROE, PAIZ, PARSONS

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION	RESOLUTION NO.
No. <u>CR-46</u> Series of 2006	<u>06-50</u> Series of 2006
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NORTHGLENN, COLORADO	COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLORADO, THAT:	E CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN,
▼ :	tached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted by the City lorado. All previous travel policies adopted by resolution or
DATED, at Northglenn, Color	ado, this 23 day of March 2006.
	KATHLEEN M. NOVAK Mayor
ATTEST:	
DIANA L. LENTZ, CMC City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
City Attorney	

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF NORTHGLENN COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY

Funds for Council travel are budgeted annually with equal amounts allotted to each member. If any individual councilmember exceeds the budgeted amount, a request may be made to Council for additional funds.

Purpose:

The purpose of this regulation is to establish a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred while conducting City business. This policy is based on the IRS Rules for the Accountable Employee Reimbursement Plan* which has three (3) requirements:

- Business purpose for expense
- Employee substantiates or is deemed to have substantiated the expenses
- Employee required to return all amounts in excess of substantiated expenses

If any one of these requirements is not met, the Plan is non-accountable and advances or reimbursements are listed on the W-2 form as income.

*Accountable Plan: Expense reimbursements are not included in wages. Expenses are not deductible on personal income tax return.

Committee:
Joyce Downing - Chair
Marge Carlow
Bill Gillespie
Bill Goodspeed

Revised by: Sheri Paiz Gaye Monroe Jill Parsons 3/2006

CITY OF NORTHGLENN Council Training and Travel Policy

A. Meetings and Seminars

All Council members shall be eligible for attendance at in-state and out-of-state meetings and seminars. The Mayor and Council are reimbursed for expenses incurred as a result of City business, training, or travel. Expenses that will be paid or reimbursed include conference registration (including a guest registration), associated supplies and materials, a councilperson's transportation (coach-fare), hotel accommodations, parking, meals, telephone calls and gratuities. It will be the councilmember's responsibility to justify the business purpose of the trip. Council members will have a designated budget amount for training and travel each year. Should a Councilmember find a need to exceed his/her designated budget, they will submit to Council a resolution with a request for additional funds. If training and travel funds are not used, the amount shall go back into the General Fund. In the event that a spouse or guest is normally invited to attend a function, the City will reimburse for those costs, excluding the spouse's or guest's travel costs. A function is defined as any event to which the councilmember and a guest or spouse are invited to attend such as recognition events, awards events and banquets. For example the North Metro Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

B. Advances

Advances may be requested not later than five days prior to travel departure and shall not exceed \$75 per day. Any advance in excess of substantiated expenses must be returned within 30 days of travel.

C. Expense Substantiation

Everyone must turn in an expense report. Expenses not paid directly by the City shall be reimbursed, less an expense advance, based on either actual expenses or the Federal meals and incidental (M&IE) per diem rate.

However, for each meeting or seminar the Councilmember must choose to be reimbursed for either actual meals or to be reimbursed based on the Federal M&IE per diem rate. A councilmember cannot choose a different method for each day of the seminar. The expense report must be filed and submitted to the Mayor or his designate for review within 30 days of travel. The Mayor shall submit expense reports to Mayor Pro-Tem.

Actual expense substantiation:

Itemized receipts are submitted for <u>all</u> business-related expenses.

Hotel/Motel:

Receipts are required within 30 days of travel and subject to the guidelines set forth by the Finance Department.

Per-diem allowances (Meals and Incidentals only):

City will never reimburse above the current Federal M&IE per-diem rate without itemized receipts.

Councilmembers may obtain the actual per diem schedule from Finance Department.

Receipts are required for all other expenses besides meals and incidentals. Any reimbursement requests must be submitted within 30 days of travel.

D. Credit Card

A City purchasing/credit card shall be available for use by any Councilmember upon request and approval of City Council. Expenses charged to the City purchasing/credit card are limited to business related expenses and must follow the guidelines of the City of Northglenn's Purchasing Card User's Guide Manual. Itemized receipts and signed purchasing/credit card statements are to be submitted for payment approval as soon as possible but no later than 14 days following the receipt of the statement from the Finance department. If conference registration includes

costs for other events not eligible for reimbursement by the City, payment must be included with the registration prior to the charge to the purchasing/credit card.

E. <u>Transportation by Personal Vehicle</u>

Travel using a personal vehicle in lieu of other means of transportation is reimbursable at the City's current mileage rate, plus the itemized expenses or perdiem allowances for meals and incidentals. The mileage per diem reimbursement request must be filed and submitted to the Mayor or his designate no later than 30 days of travel or reimbursement is forfeit.

F. Rental cars are allowable during out of town conferences at City expense, provided the cars are used for business purposes.