



TULSA CITY COUNCIL

June 25, 2009

Roger Scott, Chair
City of Tulsa Ethics Advisory Committee
525 S Main, Suite 1111
Tulsa, OK 74103

Re: Request for Ethics Opinion on whether violation of city policy and 11 O.S. 1984, §8-106 is a violation of the City Ethics Code

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that City officials hired Mr. Chris Westcott knowing he was the son of City Councilor Rick Westcott. It has been stated this hiring was in violation of Title 11, section 8-106 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 107 of the City of Tulsa's Personnel Policies and Procedures.

As such, I request the City of Tulsa's Ethics Advisory Committee provide an opinion on whether such a violation of state statute constitutes a violation of the City of Tulsa's Ethics Code. If so, what are the factors in determining when an individual would be in violation of the Code?

The City of Tulsa has spent thousands of dollars in his salary, training, and other expenditures when officials knew or should have known the expenditure was in violation of city policy and state law. As a result of this misconduct or neglect of duty, the City of Tulsa is now short another police officer because of it. It seems the Ethics Code should address this situation, if not, I welcome the Committee's recommendations to rectify the situation.

I certainly appreciate the assistance of you and the Committee on this matter. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me or my aide Rebecca Oden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Eagleton".

John Eagleton
City Councilor, District 7

Cc: City Councilors
Don Cannon
Mike Kier