

ORDINANCE NO. 16-12-301

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CONTROL ACT
(PUBLIC ACT 099-0604)**

WHEREAS, the Frankfort Square Park District is a non-home rule unit of local government;
and

WHEREAS, Public Act 099-0604 established the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, which requires all non-home rule units of local government to adopt by resolution or ordinance a policy governing reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District finds it to be in the best interest of the Frankfort Square Park District to adopt such a policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District that:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District establishes the following policy governing reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses:

**Policy Governing Reimbursement
of Employee and Officer Travel, Meal and Lodging Expenses**

A. Purpose.

The Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District will reimburse employee and officer travel, meal, and lodging expenses incurred in connection with pre-approved travel, meal, and lodging expenses incurred on behalf of the Frankfort Square Park District. Employees and officers are expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses for official business as a prudent person would in spending personal funds.

B. Definitions.

"Entertainment" includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless ancillary to the purpose of the program or event.

"Travel" means any expenditure directly incident to official travel by employees and officers of the Frankfort Square Park District or by wards or charges of the Frankfort Square Park District involving reimbursement to travelers or direct payment to private agencies providing transportation or related services.

C. Authorized Types of Official Business.

Travel, meal and lodging expenses shall be reimbursed for employees and officers of the Frankfort Square Park District only for purposes of official business conducted on behalf of the Frankfort Square Park District, which includes but is not limited to off-site or out-of-town meetings related to official business and pre-approved seminars, conferences and other educational events related to the employee's or officer's official duties.

D. Maximum Allowable Expenses.

Maximum Expenses Without Board/Council Approval – Travel, meal, and lodging expenses incurred by any employee or officer (not a member of the Board of Commissioners) in excess of \$212.00 per day must be previously approved in an open meeting by a majority roll-call vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District

Airfare – Travelers are expected to obtain the lowest available airfare that reasonably meets business travel needs. Travelers are encouraged to book flights at least thirty (30) days in advance to avoid premium airfare pricing. Only coach or economy tickets will be paid or reimbursed. The traveler will pay for the difference between higher priced tickets and coach or economy tickets with his or her personal funds.

Personal Automobiles – Mileage reimbursement will be based on mileage from the work location office to the off-site location of the official business, not from the employee's or officer's residence. When attending a training event or other off-site official business directly from an employee's or officer's residence, no reimbursement will be made if the distance is less than the mileage of a normal commute to the workplace. If the distance is higher than the employee's or officer's normal commute, reimbursement will be paid based on the differential of the commute less the mileage of a normal commute to the workplace. An employee or officer will be reimbursed at the prevailing IRS mileage rate. The traveler will only be reimbursed up to the price of a coach airfare ticket if they drive to a location for which airfare would have been less expensive.

Automobile Rentals – Travelers will be reimbursed for the cost of renting an automobile including gasoline expense only as limited in this section. Travelers using rental cars to conduct official business are required to purchase insurance through the rental agency. Car rental insurance will cover the vehicle during personal use, e.g., using the vehicle after the conference has ended. Compact or mid-size cars are required for two or fewer employees or officers traveling together and a full-size vehicle may be used for three or more travelers. The traveler must refuel the vehicle before returning it to the rental company.

Public Transportation – In the case of local training or official business where an employee or officer chooses to use public transportation, reimbursement for use of public transportation is based on mileage from the agency office to the training site (not from

the traveler's residence), regardless of the transportation method chosen. When attending training or business directly from an employee's or officer's residence, no reimbursement will be made if the distance is less than the mileage of a normal commute to the workplace. If the distance is higher than the traveler's normal commute, reimbursement will be paid at the differential of the commute less the mileage of a normal commute to the workplace.

Other Transportation – The traveler should utilize hotel shuttle service or other shuttle services, if available. If none are offered, the use of the most economic transportation is encouraged.

Hotel/Motel Accommodations – The traveler will be reimbursed for a standard single-room at locations convenient to the business activity. In the event of a change in plans or a cancellation, the traveler must cancel the hotel/motel reservation so as not to incur cancellation charges. Cancellation charges will not be reimbursed by the District unless approved by a vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District.

Meals Meal reimbursement is limited to the current U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) regulations in place at the time the expense is incurred.

Prior approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District and submission of receipts are required for per diem allowances. Meals provided by the conference or seminar should be deducted from the per diem allowance. Partial reimbursement may be made for departure and return days based on time. Meals during in-state travel that is not an overnight stay will be reimbursed for actual cost not to exceed the GSA regulations.

Vacation in Conjunction with Business Travel – In cases where vacation time is added to a business trip, any cost variance in airfare, car rental, lodging and/or any other expenses must be clearly identified on the Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expense Report form and paid by the traveler.

Accompanied Travel – When a traveler is accompanied by others not on official business, any lodging, transportation, meals or other expenses above those incurred for the authorized traveler will not be reimbursed by the Frankfort Square Park District.

Parking – Parking fees at a hotel/motel will be reimbursed only with a receipt.

E. Approval of Expenses.

Travel, meal, and lodging expenses incurred by any employee or officer (not a member of the Board of Commissioners) in excess of \$212.00 per day must be previously approved in an open meeting by a majority roll-call vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District.

All travel, meal, and lodging expenses incurred by any member of the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District must be approved by roll call vote

at an open meeting of the governing board or corporate authorities of the local public agency.

Travel, meal, and lodging expenses advanced as a per diem to any employee or any member of the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District must be approved by roll call vote at an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District prior to payment. Documentation of expenses must be provided in accordance with Sections C, D and F of this policy, and any excess from the per diem must be repaid.

F. Documentation of Expenses.

Before an expense for travel, meals, or lodging may be approved under Section E of this Policy, the following minimum documentation must first be submitted, in writing, to the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District on a Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expense form:

- (1) an estimate of the cost of travel, meals, or lodging if expenses have not been incurred or a receipt of the cost of the travel, meals, or lodging if the expenses have already been incurred;
- (2) the name of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense;
- (3) the job title or office of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense; and
- (4) the date or dates and nature of the official business for which the travel, meal, or lodging expense was or will be expended.

All documents and information submitted under this Section are public records subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Frankfort Square Park District hereby adopts as its official standardized form for the submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses the Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expense Report form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

G. Entertainment Expenses.

No employee or officer shall be reimbursed for any entertainment expense, unless ancillary to the purpose of the program, event or other official business.

Section 2. The above “Whereas” recitals are incorporated into and made part of this Ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolutions, and regulations in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This Ordinance is effective beginning December 5, 2016.

VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2016.

Ken Blackburn
President of the Board of Commissioners

Jim Randall
Secretary

Exhibit A

Frankfort Square Park District

**TRAVEL, MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENT FORM**

Name of Official or Employee: _____

Title/Position of Official or Employees: _____

Name and Date of the Activity/Event: _____

Check Number (if applicable): _____

Credit Card Receipt Number (if applicable): _____

Description of the purpose of the expense:

Reimbursement Expense (Estimated Costs or Actual Costs with receipts, if applicable):

Mileage: _____

Meals: _____

Parking: _____

Hotel/Lodging: _____

Car rental: _____

Airfare: _____

Other Transportation (bus, train, taxi, shuttle, etc): _____

Employee's/Officer's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Executive Director's and/or Park Board Treasurer's Authorization:

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTACH ALL RECEIPTS