

Grandview Municipality Censure Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the steps a Council member must take to censure another Council member.

Procedure

1. Any Council member alleging a breach of the Council Code of Conduct by another Council member must provide a written allegation to the CAO and Council member who breached the Code of Conduct prior to the Council meeting where the censure motion will be made. Any allegations made by a third party must be written and signed by the third party.
2. The Council member who the censure motion is against must provide a written rebuttal at the Council meeting where the censure motion is made.
3. The resolution to censure a Council member and resulting discussion must be made during an open meeting of Council with the Council member who may be censured present.
4. When deliberating a censure motion, Council should consider the following factors:
 - a. Was the behavior reasonable? (Would other members of Council have done the same thing)
 - b. Attempt to mitigate. (What did the Council member do if/when they realized they could be in breach of the Code of Conduct)
 - c. Previous conduct (Is this reoccurring behavior or a first time)
 - d. Consistency of the decision. (Are all Council members being treated the same?)
5. Once the discussion is over, the resolution to censure must be brought to a vote. In order for a censure resolution to pass, the vote must be a majority of Council plus 1. In the case of 9 Council members, 6 yav votes are needed for the censure to pass. All Council members must be present at a censure vote.
6. A censure does not allow Council to restrict voting rights or to bar the censured member from Council meetings.