

CITY OF KENNEWICK  
RESOLUTION NO. 95-68

A RESOLUTION CENSURING COUNCILMAN TOM WALKER  
FOR VIOLATING THE COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, Tom Walker is a member of the Kennewick City Council and represents the City and the Council in all of his public activities, and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all City Councilmembers to preserve the dignity of their office in a manner that reflects the stature of the office of City Councilman, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker and all other members of the Council signed Resolution No. 90-26 which established a Code of Ethics on April 17, 1990, and

WHEREAS, Four members of the community have attended two council meetings and requested the Council to censure Mr. Walker for campaign activities in violation of Articles I, II, and III of the Code of Ethics, specifically providing that members respect other Councilmember's ideas and opinions, to always speak the truth, and be accurate and deal fairly with other members of the Council, and

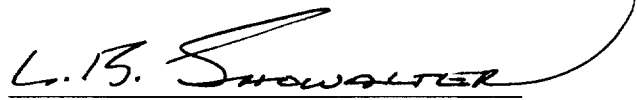
WHEREAS, Mr. Walker engaged in negative campaigning against other Councilmembers in 1993 and 1995, writing letters signed by third parties that were untrue, distorted and inaccurate, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker did tell two other Councilmembers that it was "ok to lie and deceive in election campaigns because the public expects it..." and in an interview with the press, admitted that he taped a private conversation with another person without consent to prove that everybody provided ghostwritten letters for others to sign, NOW, THEREFORE,

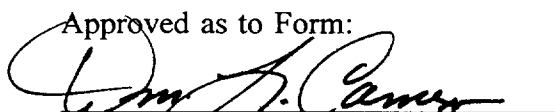
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK,  
That Councilman Walker is hereby censured for his conduct.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, this  
5th day of December, 1995, and signed in authentication of its passage this 5th day of December,  
1995.

Attest:

  
L. B. SHOWALTER, Mayor

  
M. A. PRICE, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:  
  
WILLIAM L. CAMERON  
City Attorney