

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-1598 (LEE) – This resolution would provide for the censure of former Mayor Megan Barry by the Metropolitan Council for conduct resulting in a conditional guilty plea to felony theft and subsequent resignation in March of 2018.

As determined by the Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct, the receipt of excessive overtime compensation by Sgt. Robert Forrest, Jr. constituted a violation of Sections (i) and (k) of the Metropolitan Government's Standards of Ethical Conduct, Metropolitan Code § 2.222.020. These sections prohibit Metropolitan Government employees (including elected officials) from securing unwarranted privileges for themselves or others, or giving the impression that any person can improperly influence or unduly enjoy their favor in the performance of their official duties, or that they are unduly affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any person.

Section 2.222.050 of the Metropolitan Code provides that, upon receipt of a recommendation from the Board of Ethical Conduct that an elected official be censured by the Council, the chairman of the Rules-Confirmations-Public Elections Committee "shall file a resolution with the metropolitan clerk providing for censure of the member."

The Council Office would submit that the application of Section 2.222.050 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to former elected officials is unclear.