CITY OF STOUGHTON
COMMON COUNCIL POLICY
CHARITABLE DONATIONS

From time to time, the City Council may be asked to contribute monetary funds to ~~a~~ charitable organizations. ~~that is not officially affiliated with the city of Stoughton~~.
The following policy is intended to address those requests. Stoughton Utilities donation programs are exempt from this policy.

WHEREAS, discretionary funds are very limited; and

WHEREAS, there are many worthwhile charities in Stoughton. City Council members may volunteer for these organizations. Contributions approved by City Council and allocated from city funds could create a potential conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, the city lacks fair and objective criteria to vet organizations and limit taxpayer liability prior to the municipality's expenditure of taxpayer funds to support those organizations; now

THEREFORE, it is the policy of the City of Stoughton to refrain from monetary contributions to charitable organizations except for ~~that are not officially affiliated with the City of Stoughton~~.the City Band and the City of Stoughton Food Pantry. In-kind donations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.