

Code of Ethics Recommendations



Ethics Commission

City Council

Presentation

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Section 2-311 (4) - Special Privileges

C: “Unless you are a council member, you shall not use the prestige of your position with the city on behalf of any political party or cause.”

EC: Recommend removal.

C: Current

M: Mureen Report

EC: Ethics Comm.



Section 2-311 (8) (A) Conflict of Interest Expand “circle of influence”

C: Employee/Official, spouse, parent, child, siblings, in-laws

M: Grandchildren/grandparents

Clients

Members of household

Employers & Employers of spouse/child/parent/household

Entity in which official has policy making position

Official/spouse offered/sought employment 1 yr

Official/spouse ongoing business negotiations with entity



Section 2-311 (8) (A) Conflict of Interest Expand “circle of influence” - continued

City official or employee shall not take any action and shall not fail to take any action related to their position that is likely to affect the economic interest of anyone within the expanded circle of influence.

EC: Recommend following Mureen recommendation



Section 2-311 (8) regarding conflict of interest, new subsection (B)

EC: “No city employee, city official, appointed or elected, family member, friend, or business associate of a city employee or city official appointed or elected should profit from privileged information discussed in confidential city meetings. Any council member already involved in any city projects should immediately recuse themselves from any Executive Session council meetings as well as City Council votes where such matters are being discussed.”



Section 2-311 (8) regarding conflict of interest, new subsection (E)

EC: “Elected city officials may not use their position to influence the action of a city official or city employee in the performance of their duties related to a contract or business transaction involving an individual or organization who contributed \$2,700 or more to the official’s campaign contributions during the most recent election either directly, or indirectly via a third party.”



New Sections 2-311(16) and (17) – Confidential Information

Current 2-311 (13): “You shall not disclose information that could adversely affect the property or affairs of the city, except as required by law.”

M: 1) Do not use official position to obtain official information about a person other than for performing official duties.

2) Do not disclose confidential information relating to city affairs that you obtain through your position.

EC: Recommend following Mureen recommendation



Section 2-311 (21) regarding appointments, new subsection (E)

C: 2-311 (19) Prohibits council participation in appointments

EC: 2-311(21) renumbered and the following paragraph added

(E) Contributed \$2,700 or more to your total campaign contributions during the previous election.



Section 2-316 Lobbyist – new subsection D

EC: new subsection added

“D. A person may not register as a lobbyist with the City for a period of two years from end of City service.”



Section 2-326 (a) (3) Ethics Commission duties regarding financial disclosure reports

EC: Codifies the current EC practice

“Review all financial disclosure reports which are filed with the City pursuant to this Article. If the commission identifies a possible conflict of interest or needs further disclosure from its review of the financial disclosure report, the commission shall notify the filing official to request additional information regarding the possible conflict of interest.”



Section 2-330 expand “Rules of Conduct” to include provisions of the Preamble to the Code of Ethics

EC: “A sworn complaint alleging violation of the code of ethics shall specify the provisions of the Rules of Conduct (Section 2-310 and Section 2-311) alleged to have been violated and facts alleged to constitute the violation.