



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**1:30 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Public Hearing**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

Thomas W. Szromba - Chairman of Board of Ethics

David Orr - Good Government Illinois

20-4404

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ETHICS ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII. ETHCS, DIVISION 2, Subdivision I., Sec. 2-560 through 2-570, Subdivision II., Sec. 2-571 through 2-589, Subdivision III., Sec. 2-590, Subdivision IV., Sec. 2-591 through Sec. 2-600, Subdivision V. Sec. 2-601- Sec. 2-609, Section 2-610 through Sec. 2-620; DIVISION 3., Subdivision 1., Sec. 2-621 through 2-630, Subdivision II., Sec. 2-631 through 2-of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**ARTICLE VII. - ETHICS**

**DIVISION 2. - CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**

**Subdivision I. - In General**

Sec. 2-560. - Short title.

Sec. 2-561. - Purpose.

Sec. 2-562. - Definitions.

Sec. 2-563. - Applicability and Acknowledgment.

Secs. 2-564-2-570. - Reserved.

**Subdivision II. - Code of Ethical Conduct**

Sec. 2-571. - Fiduciary duty.

Sec. 2-572. - Improper influence.

Sec. 2-573. - Dual employment Employees and Officials.

Sec. 2-574. - Receiving and soliciting gifts and favors.

Sec. 2-575. - ~~Reserved~~ Sexual Harassment.

Sec. 2-576. - County-owned property.

Sec. 2-577. - Use or disclosure of confidential information.

Sec. 2-578. - Conflicts of interest.

Sec. 2-579. - Representation of other persons.

Sec. 2-580. - Post-employment restrictions.

Sec. 2-581. - Interest in county business or board or commission business.

Sec. 2-582. - Employment of relatives.

Sec. 2-583. - Political activity.

Sec. 2-584. - Whistleblower protection.

Sec. 2-585. - Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials.

Sec. 2-586. - Newsletters, brochures, public service announcements, and promotional materials.

Sec. 2-587. - Ethics Education Seminar.

Sec. 2-588. - Identity protection policy.

Sec. 2-589. - Inducement of Others

**Subdivision III. - Financial Disclosure**

Sec. 2-590-89. - Generally.

~~Sec. 2-590. - Reserved.~~

**Subdivision IV. - Board of Ethics**

Sec. 2-591. - Composition and powers.

Sec. 2-592. - Confidentiality.

Secs. 2-593-2-600. - Reserved.

**Subdivision V. - Sanctions for Violation**

**Sec. 2-601. - Employment sanctions.**

**Sec. 2-602. - Fines and Penalties.**

**Sec. 2-603. - Validity of contract.**

**Secs. 2-604-2-609. - Reserved.**

**Subdivision VI. - Requirement for Disclosure of Ownership Interest in Business Entities**

**Seeking County Contracts**

**Sec. 2-610. - Actions requiring county approval; disclosure information required when.**

**Sec. 2-611. - Information to be kept current.**

**Sec. 2-612. - Additional information authorized when.**

**Sec. 2-613. - Failure to comply.**

**Sec. 2-614. - Rulemaking authority.**

**Secs. 2-615-2-620. - Reserved.**

**DIVISION 3. - LOBBYISTS**

**Subdivision I. - In General**

**Sec. 2-621. - Short title.**

**Sec. 2-622. - Definitions.**

**Secs. 2-623-2-630. - Reserved.**

**Subdivision II. - Registration**

**Sec. 2-631. - Persons required to register.**

**Sec. 2-632. - Persons not required to register.**

**Sec. 2-633. - Information required of registrants.**

**Sec. 2-634. - Reports.**

**Sec. 2-635. - Duties of clerk.**

**Sec. 2-636. - Restricted activities.**

**Sec. 2-637. - Enforcement, penalties and procedures.**

**Sec. 2-638. - Right to petition County Officials.**

**Sec. 2-639. - Venue.**

**Sec. 2-640. - Lobbyist Ethics Education Seminar.**

**Sec. 2-641. - Prohibition from lobbying activities.**

**Sec. 2-642. - Duty to display lobbyist registration identification.**

**Secs. 2-646-2-670. - Reserved.**

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect on December 15, 2020.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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