



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, March 29, 2021

Public Hearing

Virtual Meeting

1:30 PM

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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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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Legislative History : 9/24/20 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



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