



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDING THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2. Administration, ARTICLE VII. Ethics, DIVISION 2. Code of Ethical Conduct, Subdivision II, Sections 2-586. of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII. - ETHICS

DIVISION 2. - CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

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

(a) County funds and resources may not be used by any elected County official to print, pay for the printing of, or mail any newsletters or brochures during the period beginning January 1 of the year of a general primary election and ending the day after such general primary election and during a period beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and ending the day after such general election if the elected County official is a candidate in such primary or general election. A County elected official may not mail, during the period beginning January 1 of the year of a general primary election and ending the day after such general primary election and during a period beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and ending the day after such general election, any newsletters or brochures that were printed at any time using County funds or resources if the elected County official is a candidate in such primary or general election.

(b) This Section shall not apply to any informational brochures that are solely related to and accompany any mailing of a property tax bill, notice of property tax assessment, or notice of voter registration or polling place information, or to a brochure mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions raised by that constituent.

(c) No public service announcement or advertisement that is on behalf of any County administered program and contains the proper name, image, or voice of any elected County official shall be broadcast or aired on radio or television or printed in a commercial newspaper or commercial magazine at any time on or after the date that the elected County official files nominating papers for any elected office, and ending the day after such general election if the elected County official is a candidate in such primary or general election. This Section shall not apply to any information available or posted by the County or any elected County official on any Cook County owned website or County owned social media account.

(d) The proper name or image of any elected official may not appear on any promotional materials or items if designed, paid for, produced, and/or distributed with public funds or resources, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Bumper stickers;
- (2) Commercial billboards;
- (3) Lapel pins or buttons;
- (4) Magnets;
- (5) Sports teams;
- (6) Items of clothing or apparel; ~~or~~

- (7) Stickers;
- (8) Calendars;
- (9) Vehicles or
- (10) Equipment

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption