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AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Part I. General Ordinances, Chapter 2. Administration, Article VI. Ethics, Division 3. Lobbyists, Sections 2-622, 2-632, 2-633 and 2-637 through 2-643 are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-622. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Administrative action means the execution or rejection of any rule, regulation, legislative rule, standard, fee, rate, contractual agreement, purchasing agreement or other delegated legislative or quasi-legislative action to be taken or withheld by any County official or County employee.

Board means the County Board and any and all of its standing or special committees or subcommittees.

Clerk means the duly elected or appointed Clerk of the County.

Commissioner means any of the duly elected or duly appointed County Board members.

Compensation means money, thing of value or other pecuniary benefits received or to be received in return for, or as reimbursement for, or as a result of, services rendered or to be rendered, for lobbying. This includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to provide or arrange for compensation for services rendered or to be rendered.

County agency means any board, commission, department or authority under the jurisdiction of the President or Board or any other County official.

County appointee means an individual appointed by the President to:

- (a) any board or Commission created under County Ordinance or Illinois State Statute; or
- (b) any units of local government (as defined in Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois) created by Illinois state or County ordinance.

County employee means an individual employed by the County whether part-time or full-time.

County matter or County matters means any executive action, legislative action or administrative action.

1. the approval, drafting, development, consideration, amendment, modification, review, introduction, proposal, postponement, adoption, approval, passage, enactment, promulgation, execution, issuance, defeat, rejection, or veto of any rule, resolution, regulation, standard, fee, rate, contractual agreement, purchasing agreement, order, decision, determination, proceeding or motion, or a portion thereof, by a County Official, County Appointee or County Employee;

2. the action of any County Official, County Appointee or County Employee in the development of a proposal for introduction before the Board.

County official means the Assessor, members of the Board of Review, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk, Commissioners, President, Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, State's Attorney, and Treasurer of the County, and any County agency or member thereof.

Direct affiliation means relationship with any natural person or spouse, father, mother, son or daughter possessing or owning an interest in a Lobbying Enterprise.

Executive action means the proposal, drafting, development, consideration, amendment, adoption, approval, promulgation, issuance, modification, rejection or postponement by a County

official or County employee of a rule, regulation, order, decision, determination, contractual agreement, purchasing agreement or other quasi-legislative or quasi-judicial action or proceeding.

Expenditure means anything having a value of \$10.00 or more including, but not limited to, a payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, pPolitical cContributions, honoraria, travel or entertainment expense, meal or beverage expense, or gift of money. This includes a contract, promise, or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make an eExpenditure, for services rendered or to be rendered.

File, fFiled, or fFiling means submitting an electronic report via the Clerk's website. Online submissions received by 11:59 on the prescribed filing date will be considered on time.

(1) Delivery to an office of the Clerk by the close of business of the prescribed filing date; or

(2) Deposit with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, in sufficient time so that the mailed documents arrive at an office of the Clerk by the close of business of the prescribed filing date.

Gift means anything having a value of \$10.00 or more given without consideration or expectation of return.

Legislation means ordinances, resolutions, amendments, nominations, appointments, reports, contracts or proposed contracts, and other County matters pending or proposed in the Board or which require Board approval.

Legislative action means the development, drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, adoption, rejection, review, enactment, or passage or defeat of any ordinance, amendment, motion, resolution, report, nomination, administrative rule or other matter by any County official or County employee. The term "legislative action" also means the action of the President in approving or vetoing any ordinance, resolution or motion or portion thereof, and the action of any County official or County employee in the development of a proposal for introduction before the Board.

Lobby or Lobbying means to, for Compensation and on behalf of another Person, attempt to influence a County Official, County Appointee or County Employee with respect to any County matter, including, but not limited to:

- (1) A bond inducement ordinance;
- (2) A zoning matter;
- (3) A concession agreement;
- (4) The creation of a tax increment financing district;
- (5) The establishment of a Class 6(b), Class 7(a), Class 7(b), Class 9, Class C, Class L, Class S and/or any Cook County property tax classification established under Section 74-63 of the Cook County Code;
- (6) The introduction, passage or other action to be taken on an ordinance, resolution, motion, order, appointment or other matter before the Board;
- (7) The preparation of contract specifications;
- (8) The solicitation, award or administration of a contract;
- (9) The award or administration of a grant, loan, or other agreement involving the disbursement of public monies; or
- (10) Any other determination made by a County Official, Appointee or Employee with respect to the procurement of goods, services or construction.

Provided, however, that solely submitting an application for a county permit or license or responding to a county request for proposals or qualifications is not an attempt to influence a County Official, Appointee or Employee with respect to a County Matter.

Lobbyist means any Pperson who, on behalf of any person other than himself, or as any part of his duties as an employee of another, undertakes to influence any County Matter legislative or administrative action, including, but not limited to: engages in Lobbying as defined in Section 2-622.

- (1) A bond inducement ordinance;
- (2) A zoning matter;
- (3) A concession agreement;
- (4) The creation of a tax increment financing district;
- (5) The establishment of a Class 6(b) Cook County property tax classification;
- (6) The introduction, passage or other action to be taken on an ordinance, resolution, motion, order, appointment or other matter before the Cook County Board of Commissioners;
- (7) The preparation of contract specifications;
- (8) The solicitation, award or administration of a contract;

(9) The award or administration of a grant, loan, or other agreement involving the disbursement of public monies; or

(10) Any other determination made by an elected or appointed county official or employee of the county with respect to the procurement of goods, services or construction.

Provided, however, that a Person shall not be deemed to have undertaken to influence any legislative or administrative action County Matter solely by submitting an application for a county permit or license or by responding to a county request for proposals or qualifications.

The term "lobbyist" shall include, but not be limited to, any Attorney, accountant, or consultant engaged in the above-described activities; provided, however, that an Attorney shall not be considered a lobbyist while representing clients in a formal adversarial hearing, unless said Attorney is also an elected official of the county; and provided further that the term "lobbyist" shall not include a person who, on an unpaid basis, seeks to influence legislative or administrative action County Matter on behalf of an entity that is not engaged in a profit-seeking enterprise; further provided that an employee, officer or director of a not-for-profit entity who seeks to influence legislative or administrative action County Matter on behalf of such an entity shall not be considered a lobbyist for purposes of this chapter.

Lobbying Enterprise means any entity that hires, retains, employs, or compensates a natural person to lobby local, state or federal governments or agencies.

Lobbying Activity Report means a log, set forth in Section 2-634, maintained by each Lobbyist and submitted to the Cook County Clerk that records all Lobbying contacts by a Lobbyist with any County Official or County Employee.

Lobbying Expenditure Report means a log, set forth in Section 2-634, maintained by each Lobbyist and submitted to the Clerk that records all Expenditures made by the Person to or for the benefit of a County Official or County Employee, notwithstanding whether Lobbying was occurring at the time of the Expenditure, during the previous six months.

Occasional Sales-Related Inquiries or Solicitations means any contact by a Person with a County Employee and/or County Official for no more than five times in a year to discuss the solicitation, award, administration, technical requirements or clarification of a potential contract. The term "Occasional Sales-Related Inquiries or Solicitations" shall only apply to any activity by a Person who has not retained a Lobbyist to influence any County Matter.

Person means any individual, entity, corporation, partnership, firm, association, union, trust, estate, as well as any parent or subsidiary of any of the foregoing, and whether or not operated for profit.

Political cContribution means any money or thing of value given to a political committee, as defined in 10 ILCS 5/9-1.9 (political committee defined), in the County.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/19/2014	2	Board of Commissioners	approve	
11/19/2014	1	Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee	accept as substituted	Pass
11/19/2014	1	Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee	recommend for approval as substituted	Pass
10/8/2014	1	Board of Commissioners	defer	
10/8/2014	1	Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee	recommend for deferral	Pass
9/10/2014	1	Board of Commissioners	defer	
9/8/2014	1	Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee	recommend for deferral	Pass

5/21/2014	1	Board of Commissioners	refer	Pass
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