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AMENDMENT TO THE ETHICS ORDINANCE INTEREST IN COUNTY BUSINESS, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2-581 OF THE COOK COUNTY CODE (PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Robert B. Steele and Edwin Reyes, County Commissioners; Co-Sponsored by William M. Beavers, Jerry Butler, John A. Fritchey, Jesus G. Garcia, Joan Patricia Murphy, Deborah Sims, Larry Suffredin and Jeffrey R. Tobolski, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE ETHICS ORDINANCE INTEREST IN COUNTY BUSINESS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Section 2-581 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-581. Interest in County business.

(a) No elected official or employee shall have a financial interest in his or her own name or in the name of any other person in any contract, work or business of the County or in the sale of any article, whenever the expense, price or consideration of the contract, work, business or sale is paid with funds belonging to or administered by the County. Compensation for property taken pursuant to the County's eminent domain power shall not constitute a financial interest within the meaning of this section. Unless sold pursuant to a process of competitive bidding following public notice, no elected official or employee shall have a financial interest in the purchase of any property that:

- (1) Belongs to the County;
- (2) Is sold for taxes or assessments; or
- (3) Is sold by virtue of legal process at the suit of the County.

(b) No appointed official shall engage in a transaction described in Subsection (a) of this section unless the matter is wholly unrelated to the appointed official's County duties and responsibilities.

(c) Any person who is not a County employee who has a financial interest in his or her own name or in the name of any other person in any contract, work or business of the County or in the sale of any article, whenever the expense, price or consideration of the contract, work, business or sale is paid with funds belonging to or administered by the County, shall be ineligible from being hired by the County for employment for a period of one year from the termination of their engagement in the transaction. Compensation for property taken pursuant to the County's eminent domain power shall not constitute a financial interest within the meaning of this section.

(ed) For purposes of this section, the term "financial interest" shall not include the interest of the spouse of an official or employee which interest is related to the independent occupation, profession or employment of the spouse.

Effective Date: This Ordinance Amendment shall be in effect ~~immediately upon adoption~~ on June 1, 2011.

