

ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230628-001

Date: June 28, 2023

Subject: Lobbyist Appearance and Audit

Motioned By: Chair Luis Soberon

Seconded By: Commissioner Sidney Williams

Recommendation

Recommend that Austin City Council approve the proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists), Sections 4-8-8 (Appearance), and 4-8-10 (Audit). The commission voted to approve the attached proposed ordinance at its June 28, 2023 meeting.

Vote: 8-0 of the 8 members present

For: Chair Luis Soberon, Secretary Nguyen Stanton-Adams, Amy Casto, Haksoon Andrea Low, William Ross Pumfrey, Michael Lovins, Mikki Teneyuca, Sidney Williams

Against: None

Absent: Vice-Chair Mary Kahle

Attest:

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Wajiha Rizvi Assistant City Attorney & Executive Liaison Ethics Review Commission

ORDINANCE NO.

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2 3 4 5	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4-8 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO LOBBYING.
6	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
7	PART 1. Subsection (C) of City Code Section 4-8-8 (<i>Appearance</i>) is amended to read:
8	§ 4-8-8 APPEARANCE.
9	(C) A person who communicates <u>directly</u> [in person] with a City official for
10	compensation on behalf of another person during a scheduled meeting on a
11	municipal question shall disclose in writing to the city department, or office:
12	(1) the name and address of the person;
13	(2) the name of the City official with whom they are meeting;
14	(3) the name of the client or person on whose behalf the appearance or contact is
15	made; and
16	(4) a statement regarding whether the person has received or expects to receive
17	compensation for the appearance or contact.
18	PART 2. City Code Section 4-8-10 (Audit) is amended to read:
19	§ 4-8-10 [AUDIT] <u>REVIEW</u> .
20	The city auditor shall [annually] review the recorded information described in 4-8-
21	8(E) every three years [conduct an audit of a statistically representative random
22	sample of lobby registrants, but not less than five percent of registrants,] to ensure
23	[that registrants' filings are in] compliance and to assess the risk of non-compliance.
24	Not later than the 14th business day after finding an apparent violation, the auditor
25	shall notify the city clerk, the city attorney, and the Ethics Review Commission.
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27	PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on, 2023.

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