

# City of Austin

301 W. Second Street Austin, TX

### Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3123, Agenda Item #: 44.

10/19/2023

### Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists) relating to communication with a City official and reviews by the City Auditor.

## **Lead Department**

Audit and Finance Committee.

#### Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

#### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 27, 2023 - Audit and Finance Committee recommended approval on a 5-0 vote. June 28, 2023 - Ethics Review Commission recommended approval on an 8-0 vote.

### Additional Backup Information:

Staff recommends the proposed amendment as follows:

#### § 4-8-8 APPEARANCE

9 (C) A person who communicates directly with a City official for compensation on behalf of another person during a scheduled meeting on a municipal question shall disclose in writing to the city department, or office: (1) the name and address of the person; (2) the name of the City official with whom they are meeting; (3) the name of the client or person on whose behalf the appearance or contact is made; and (4) a statement regarding whether the person has received or expects to receive compensation for the appearance or contact.

## § 4-8-10 REVIEW

 The city auditor shall review the recorded information described in 4-8-8(E) every three years to ensure compliance and to assess the risk of non-compliance. Not later than the 14th business day after finding an apparent violation, the auditor shall notify the city clerk, the city attorney, and the Ethics Review Commission.

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