

Date: November 1, 2023

City Attorney's Report on Enforcement of Lobbying Regulations to the Council Audit and Finance Committee

Pursuant to section 4-8-12 of the Austin City Code, the City Attorney submits this report to the Audit and Finance Committee related to compliance and enforcement of Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists) of the City Code. The last report was made on August 17, 2020. This report will cover the period of August 2020 through October 2023. A written report will henceforth be made on a quarterly basis with an oral report to be made on an annual basis.

ENFORCEMENT - REGULATION OF LOBBYISTS August 2020 – October 2023	
Referrals from city clerk, auditor, or other departments	0
Citizen complaints	1 ¹
Investigations opened by the City Attorney	0
Cases settled	N/A
Subpoenas for documents	N/A
Witnesses subpoenaed	N/A
Cases tried	N/A
Cases in which a fine was imposed	N/A
Cases in which a fine was not imposed	N/A
Amount of fines assessed and collected	N/A
Law Department staff hours devoted for enforcement	~15 hours

¹ On June 30, 2022, a complaint was filed with the Ethics Review Commission against a person who was allegedly engaging in lobbying activity without being a registered lobbyist. At a preliminary hearing on September 28, 2022, the ERC dismissed the complaint.