AURORA ETHICS OMNIBUS ORDINANCE

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INTEGRITY

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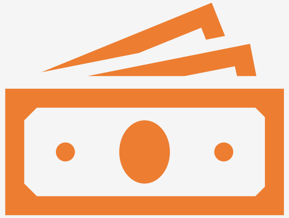
WHY THIS ORDINANCE MATTERS

- Prevent real and perceived conflicts of interest
- Ensure vendors cannot buy influence
- Strengthen public trust in city decision-making
- Ensure contracts are awarded based on merit

CITY DECISION SHOULD BE MADE:

In the best interest of residents



With a reduced level of financial influence

With transparency about financial relationships

WHO THE ORDINANCE APPLIES TO

- The Mayor & Alderpeople
- Candidates for city office
- Individuals required to file Statements of Economic Interest
- These individuals are referred to as 'covered persons.'

DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Covered persons must disclose:

- Outside employment or business interests
- Real estate owned in Aurora
- Ownership interests in businesses operating in the city
- Roles in organizations receiving city funding
- Gifts or services from entities doing business with the city

POLITICAL COMMITTEE TRANSPARENCY

Disclosures must include:

- Political committees supporting a candidate
- Political Action Committees (PACs)

This allows the public to see who is financially supporting candidates.

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR VENDORS

Entities doing or seeking to do business with the city:

Limited to $1500 per year in contributions

Applies to candidates and elected officials

Purpose: prevent large contributions tied to city contracts

LOBBYIST RESTRICTIONS

Lobbyists and government relations specialists and their employees:

- Cannot make political contributions to candidates for city offices.
- Cannot contribute to elected officials

Ensures individuals paid to influence policy cannot finance campaigns

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is a core component of preventing conflicts of interest.

The ordinance requires that disclosures be:

- Filed electronically
- Published on the City of Aurora open data portal
- Linked to relevant state ethics filings and election records

Residents will be able to review these disclosures and better understand potential conflicts

ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Enforcement and Accountability will be managed by the DuPage County Ethics Commission.

To ensure compliance, the ordinance includes penalties for violations.

Possible penalties include:

- $100 per day for failing to file required disclosures
- $1,000 to $5,000 for knowingly submitting false information

These enforcement provisions ensure that transparency requirements are taken seriously.

THE GOAL OF THIS ORDINANCE

- City contracts are awarded based on merit
- Vendors cannot purchase influence through campaign contributions

- Relationships that could affect decision-making are transparent
- Residents can trust the integrity of city government

By strengthening disclosure and contribution rules, Aurora reinforces its commitment to **ethical governance and public trust.**

REVISIONS SINCE COW*

Area	January 6 Draft	March 10 Revision
Disclosure Deadline	Jan 31	May 1
Covered Person Definition	Broader candidate-based	Clarified to state ethics filing requirement
Lobbyist Restrictions	Contribution prohibition	Removed $1500