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Chapter 2: Administration

Sec 2-185 Disclosure of Economic Interests and Campaign Finances

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. "Covered person" means a person required under Sec. 4A-101.5 of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file a verified written statement of economic interests with the county clerk with respect to the city, ~~excluding those persons required to file such statement because of their candidacy for election to public office in the city, or their membership on any board or commission of the city.~~ The definition of "Candidate" set forth in Section 15-130 of this Code of Ordinances shall apply to when a person becomes a covered person.

2. "Political Committee" has the same definition as set forth in the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/9-1.8, and includes a candidate political committee, a political party committee, a political action committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent expenditure committee.

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3. "Political Action Committee" or "PAC" shall mean any group, organization, or committee registered under the Illinois Election Code or Federal Election Campaign Act that makes contributions, expenditures, or independent expenditures to influence the outcome of an election in the City of Aurora or for candidates for city office.

~~1-4.~~ "Immediate family" means any individual, over the age of 18 years, who resides within the same household as the covered person.

(b) Duty to comply with state law. All covered persons shall file a statement of economic interests in accordance with Illinois Governmental Ethics Act within the time provided by law.

(c) Local disclosure obligations. In addition to the disclosures of economic interests required by state law, each covered person shall disclose the following information:

1. Political committees and PACs. Whether the covered person or immediate family has authorized any political committee or PAC to solicit, receive, and make expenditures in furtherance of their candidacy

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for any public office; the name of each committee so authorized; and the name of the regulatory agency each committee is registered with.

2. Outside occupation and employment. Whether the covered person or immediate family is engaged in any outside occupation or employment currently or in the preceding twelve months; ~~the general nature of such outside occupation or employment~~; the name of the outside organization employing the covered person, and whether any outside entity disclosed by the covered person is or has been contracted by any person to perform work or services on behalf of the city or has received financial assistance of any kind from the city or any entity providing such assistance on behalf of the city. The obligations of this section do not apply to outside occupations or employment exempted under sec. 2-184(f). Nothing in this section requires the disclosure of names of immediate family members.

3. Ownership of Real Estate. List the city and state of any and all real property located within the corporate limits or unincorporated areas fully

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bounded by the city corporate limits or the areas within established boundary agreements in which the covered person or immediate family have a direct or indirect ownership or financial interest presently or within the preceding twelve months, and identify the nature of the ownership interest of the real property.

4. Entity Ownership. List any entity in which the covered person or immediate family have an ownership interest valued in excess of \$2,500 or from which the covered person or immediate family receive income in excess of \$2,500 and which is:

(i) Presently doing business or has done business during the preceding twelve months with the city, as defined in Sec. 15-130(h) of this Code; or

(ii) Has applied to the city for any approval from city council, including but not limited to a license, annexation, zoning, grant, or other authorized approval either presently or during the preceding twelve months.

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5. City-Funded and City-Affiliated Organizations.

List any organization in which the covered person or immediate family is an employee, officer, board member, or trustee that receives funds from the city or has received funds from the city in the preceding twelve months.

~~4.6.~~ Gifts. List any person or entity doing business or having contractual relationship with the city or seeking to do business with the city or any entity which has applied to the city for any license, franchise, certificate, annexation, permit, zoning, grant, or incentive, or other authorized approval from whom a covered person or immediate family have received a gift, as defined in Sec. 15-130(m) of this Code, during the preceding twelve months in excess of a cumulative total of \$150.00. For purposes of this section "doing business" and "seeking to do business" shall have the same definitions as Section 15-130(h) of this Code.

(d) Frequency of disclosure; reporting period. The disclosures required of covered persons under paragraph (c) shall be made annually on or before June 1st of the

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~~year for the previous twelve (12) months. during the~~
~~first fifteen (15) days of the months of January, April,~~
~~July, and October of each calendar year and shall be~~
~~made with respect to the three (3) months immediately~~
~~preceding each reporting period.~~ Whenever city offices
are closed on ~~the fifteenth day of the reporting~~
~~period~~ June 1st, the reporting period shall be extended
until the next date that city offices are open.

(e) Initial disclosures. Whenever a person first becomes a
covered person as defined in this section, such person
shall make the disclosures required under paragraph (c)
within fifteen (15) days of qualification. The
disclosures shall be made with respect to the preceding
twelve (12) month period.

(f) Manner of disclosure. All disclosures required under
paragraph (c) shall be made electronically in a manner
and format approved by the city clerk sufficient to
capture and preserve all of the information required
under paragraph (c). The city clerk is authorized to
approve a reporting format that allows a covered person
to satisfy the obligations under this section by
confirming that the information previously disclosed

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during the immediately preceding disclosure period
remains unchanged.

(g) Public transparency. The ~~mayer-clerk~~ shall cause the
information required to be disclosed under this section
to be available for public inspection on the city's
website along with hyperlinks to the County Clerk's
Office, the Illinois State Board of Elections, and the
Federal Election Commission, or any future governmental
website that provides information as to a covered
person's disclosures under the Illinois Governmental
Ethics Act and to any election authority with which a
covered person has established a political committee.

(h) Penalty.

1. A covered person who willfully fails to make the
disclosures required by this section within the
time set forth by statute or herein, shall, in
addition to the penalties provided by law or
ordinance, be subject to a civil penalty of \$100,
with each day of non-compliance constituting a
separate violation.

2. A covered person who willfully provides false
information as part of a disclosure required by

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1 this section, shall in addition to the penalties
2 provided by ordinance, be subject to a civil
3 penalty of not less than \$1,000 and not more than
4 \$5,000.