

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: 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.

(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 law, each covered person shall disclose the following information:

1. Political committees. Whether the covered person has authorized any political committee to solicit, receive, and make expenditures in furtherance of their candidacy for any public office; the name of each committee so authorized; and the name of the regulatory agency each committee is registered with.

1 2. Outside occupation and employment. Whether the covered
2 person is engaged in any outside occupation or
3 employment; the general nature of such outside
4 occupation or employment; the name of the outside
5 organization employing the covered person. The
6 obligations of this section do not apply to outside
7 occupations or employment exempted under sec. 2-184(f).

8 3. Receipt of city work or funding. Whether any outside
9 entity disclosed by the covered person under paragraph
10 (2) above is or has been contracted by any person to
11 perform work or services on behalf of the city or has
12 received financial assistance of any kind from the city
13 or any entity providing such assistance on behalf of the
14 city; and the nature of said work, services, or financial
15 assistance.

16 (d) Frequency of disclosure; reporting period. The disclosures
17 required of covered persons under paragraph (c) shall be
18 made annually on or before May 1st of the year. Whenever
19 city offices are closed on May 1st, the reporting period
20 shall be extended until the next date that city offices
21 are open.

22 (e) Initial disclosures. Whenever a person first becomes a
23 covered person as defined in this section, such person
24 shall make the disclosures required under paragraph (c)

1 within fifteen (15) days of qualification. The disclosures
2 shall be made with respect to the preceding reporting
3 period.

4 (f) Manner of disclosure. All disclosures required under
5 paragraph (c) shall be made electronically in a manner and
6 format approved by the city clerk sufficient to capture
7 and preserve all of the information required under
8 paragraph (c). The city clerk is authorized to approve a
9 reporting format that allows a covered person to satisfy
10 the obligations under this section by confirming that the
11 information previously disclosed during the immediately
12 preceding disclosure period remains unchanged.

13 (g) Public transparency. The clerk shall cause the information
14 required to be disclosed under this section to be available
15 for public inspection on the city's website along with
16 hyperlinks to any governmental website that provides
17 information as to a covered person's disclosures under the
18 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and to any election
19 authority with which a covered person has established a
20 political committee.

21 (h) Penalty.

22 1. A covered person who willfully fails to make the
23 disclosures required by this section within the time set
24 forth by statute or herein, shall, in addition to the

1 penalties provided by law or ordinance, be subject to a
2 civil penalty of \$100, with each day of non-compliance
3 constituting a separate violation.

4 2. A covered person who willfully provides false
5 information as part of a disclosure required by this
6 section, shall in addition to the penalties provided by
7 ordinance, be subject to a civil penalty of not less
8 than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000.

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2 Sec 15-320 Political Contributions.

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4 (a) All officers and employees who hold elective city office
5 or become candidates for election to any public office of
6 this State or any of its subdivisions shall comply with
7 the applicable limitations on campaign contributions as
8 set forth in Article 9 of the Election Code of Illinois
9 and as may be adjusted by the State Board of Elections as
10 provided by State law.

11 (b) No officer or employee, individually or through a political
12 committee acting at his or her behest, shall knowingly
13 accept a campaign contribution or contributions in excess
14 of the amounts authorized by law.

15 (c) No public official, city employee, candidate for an
16 elective office, lobbyist, officer, employee, or agent of
17 any political organization shall intentionally solicit,
18 accept, offer or make contributions on city property.

19 (d) No person shall offer or make, and no candidate for city
20 office, such candidate's political committee, or PAC, or
21 person acting on behalf of either of them shall solicit or
22 accept, any contribution that is (a) anonymously given; or
23 (b) made or to be made other than in the name of the true
24 donor.

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2 Sec 15-321 Limitation of contributing to candidates, elected
3 officials, and Political Action Committees.

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5 (a) No entity who has done business with the city during the
6 preceding four reporting years or who is seeking to do
7 business with the city shall make contributions in an
8 aggregate amount exceeding \$1500.00:

9 1. To any candidate for city office during a reporting year;

10 or

11 2. To an elected official of the government of the city
12 during any reporting year of the official's term; or

13 3. During a reporting year, to any official or employee of
14 the city who is seeking election to any other office.

15 (b) No lobbyist or government relations specialist shall make
16 a direct or in-kind contribution to any elected official
17 or their authorized political committee or PAC, or to any
18 candidate for elected office or that candidate's authorized
19 political committee or PAC.

20 (c) For purposes of subsection (a) and (b) above, an entity
21 and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise
22 affiliated companies, and any of their employees, officers,
23 directors and partners who make a political contribution
24 for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its

1 affiliates shall be considered a single person. An employee,
2 officer, director or partner of an entity subject to these
3 restrictions is also subject to these campaign contribution
4 limits if they are:

5 1. A general partner, managing member, executive officer,
6 or any individual with a similar status or function; or

7 2. They are materially involved in bidding for, negotiating
8 the terms of, or managing implementation of any
9 agreement to do business with the city. The contribution
10 limits apply separately to any entity or person subject
11 to these restrictions except as set forth in this
12 subsection (c).

13 (d) For purposes of subsection (a)-(b) above, (i) A
14 contribution to any political fund-raising committee of a
15 candidate for city office or elected official; or (ii)
16 any political fundraising committee which, during the
17 reporting year in which the contribution is to be made,
18 has itself made contributions or given financial support
19 in excess of 33 percent of that committee's total receipts
20 for the reporting year to a particular candidate for city
21 office, elected official, or the authorized fundraising
22 committee of that candidate or elected official, shall be
23 considered a contribution to that candidate or elected
24 official.

1 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (e), any
2 person who solicits, accepts, offers or makes a financial
3 contribution that violates the limits set forth in this
4 section shall be subject to the penalties provided in this
5 Article; provided, however, such person shall not be deemed
6 in violation of this section if such person returns or
7 requests in writing the return of such financial
8 contribution within 10 calendar days of the recipient's or
9 contributor's knowledge of the violation. Notwithstanding
10 the foregoing, any lobbyist, shall be subject to a penalty
11 equal to the amount of the contribution. No person or
12 entity who has been found in violation of Section 15-321
13 may do business with the city for a period of four years.