

**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.

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, including but not limited to the covered person's spouse, domestic partner, child (including adult or stepchild), parent, sibling, or any person for whom the covered person has legal or financial responsibility.~~

(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 for any public office; the name of each committee

1 so authorized; and the name of the regulatory  
2 agency each committee is registered with.

3 2. Outside occupation and employment. Whether the  
4 covered person or immediate family is engaged in  
5 any outside occupation or employment currently or  
6 in the preceding year; the general nature of such  
7 outside occupation or employment; the name of the  
8 outside organization employing the covered person,  
9 and whether any outside entity disclosed by the  
10 covered person is or has been contracted by any  
11 person to perform work or services on behalf of the  
12 city or has received financial assistance of any  
13 kind from the city or any entity providing such  
14 assistance on behalf of the city; and the nature of  
15 said work, services, or financial assistance. The  
16 obligations of this section do not apply to outside  
17 occupations or employment exempted under sec. 2-  
18 184(f). Nothing in this section requires the  
19 disclosure of names of immediate family members.

20 3. Ownership of Real Estate. List the city and state  
21 of any and all real property located within the  
22 corporate limits or the one and a half mile  
23 planning jurisdiction of the city or unincorporated  
24 areas fully bounded by the city corporate limits or

1 the areas within established boundary agreements in  
2 which the covered person or immediate family have  
3 a direct or indirect ownership or financial  
4 interest presently or within the preceding calendar  
5 year, and identify the nature of the ownership  
6 interest of the real property. ~~Receipt of city work~~  
7 ~~or funding. Whether any outside entity disclosed by~~  
8 ~~the covered person under paragraph (2) above is or~~  
9 ~~has been contracted by any person to perform work~~  
10 ~~or services on behalf of the city or has received~~  
11 ~~financial assistance of any kind from the city or~~  
12 ~~any entity providing such assistance on behalf of~~  
13 ~~the city; and the nature of said work, services, or~~  
14 ~~financial assistance.~~

15 4. Entity Ownership. List the name of any entity  
16 located in whole or in part within the corporate  
17 limits of the city or doing business within said  
18 limits:

19 (i) In which the covered person or immediate  
20 family have an ownership interest;

21 (ii) From which the covered person or immediate  
22 family receive income in excess of \$2,500;

23 (iii) Identify whether any entity listed in  
24 response to (i) or (ii) is presently doing

business or has done business during the  
preceding calendar year with the city;

~~(i)~~(iv) Identify whether any entity listed in  
response to (i) or (ii) has applied to the  
city for any license, franchise, certificate,  
annexation, permit, zoning, grant, incentive,  
or other authorized approval either presently  
or during the preceding calendar year.

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 calendar year.

~~5.~~6. Gifts, Loans and Services. 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 or service, or has been released from any  
indebtedness, during the preceding calendar year in

excess 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 May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. ~~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~~ May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 quarterly reporting 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

1 capture and preserve all of the information required  
2 under paragraph (c). The city clerk is authorized to  
3 approve a reporting format that allows a covered person  
4 to satisfy the obligations under this section by  
5 confirming that the information previously disclosed  
6 during the immediately preceding disclosure period  
7 remains unchanged.

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

18 (h) Penalty.

19 1. A covered person who willfully fails to make the  
20 disclosures required by this section within the  
21 time set forth by statute or herein, shall, in  
22 addition to the penalties provided by law or  
23 ordinance, be subject to a civil penalty of \$100,

1                   with each day of non-compliance constituting a  
2                   separate violation.

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