

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

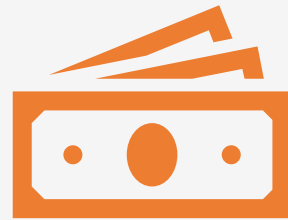
Strengthen public
trust in city
decision-making

Ensure contracts
are awarded
based on merit

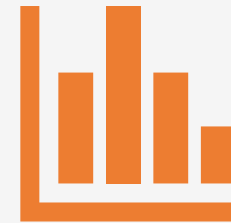
CITY DECISION SHOULD BE MADE:



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)
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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
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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
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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