

Sec. 2-60. - Fringe benefits, official documents, etc.

- (a) Within five (5) days of taking office all aldermen shall:
- (1) Have a meeting with all city department ~~and division directors—heads. and all directors~~department and division Heads shall briefly explain their duties and shall inform the aldermen of the location of their respective offices.
 - (2) Receive a copy of this Code.
 - (3) Receive all necessary keys to allow them access to the aldermen's office and the keys shall be returned upon an alderman's termination of office.
 - (4) Receive a list of all department and division heads ~~and their home telephone numbers~~contact information.
 - (5) Receive a list of all aldermen and the mayor and their ~~home telephone numbers~~current contact information.
 - (6) Receive a copy of the city budget for the then-current year.
 - (7) Receive a list containing all city commissions and committees, their members and the expiration dates of the members' terms of office.
 - (8) Receive information on how to access all ~~copies of~~ zoning maps, aldermen ward map and all boundary agreements with neighboring communities.
 - (9) At the city's cost, be entitled to a system of telecommunications including payment of monthly billing by the city.
- (b) All aldermen may attend seminars, conventions, meetings and other events that they feel may further their knowledge and help them in their duties as aldermen. A line item is established in the city council budget to fund the aldermen's attendance at seminars, conventions, meetings and other events. The line item shall be divided equally among all aldermen. Requests from any alderman who desires to attend any such function shall be directed to the city council finance committee for its approval prior to completing arrangements for attendance. All expenses incurred in attending these functions shall be submitted to the city council finance committee for its approval and direction to the city treasurer for payment. The finance committee shall consider for payment all receipts for meals, lodging, transportation and gratuities. The aldermen may request and receive a cash advancement from the city treasurer to cover anticipated expenses for attendance at seminars, conventions, meetings and other events.
- (c) All aldermen shall be eligible for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund benefits as provided by state law.
- (d) All aldermen shall be eligible to participate in the city group health and death benefit plan at a cost as borne by the majority of other eligible city employees, excluding police officers and firefighters, covered by the plan in effect from time to time.
- (e) All aldermen shall be eligible to retain participation in the city group health and death benefit plan upon termination from office, at a cost as borne by the majority of other eligible terminated city employees, excluding police officers and firefighters, covered by the plan in effect from time to time. To be eligible to retain participation in the city group health and death benefit plan after leaving office, an alderman shall have met the following requirements:
- (1) Been elected to two (2) consecutive four-year terms as an alderman and/or mayor.
 - (2) Be forty-five (45) years of age or older at time of termination from office.
 - (3) Not have been disqualified from office by or as a consequence of any federal court or state court action.

(Code 1969, § 2-64.1; Ord. No. O02-16, § 1, 2-26-02)