



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 025-019
DATE OF PASSAGE MARCH 11, 2025

An Ordinance amending Sec. 2-185 of the Code of Ordinances with respect to the obligations of members of the City's Boards and Commissions.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City amended its requirements with respect to the obligations of various officers and employees to disclose their financial interests; and

WHEREAS, these amendments have had an adverse effect on the membership of the City's boards and commissions that are covered by the modified disclosure requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the obligations imposed on members of the City's boards and commissions by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, as most recently amended, are sufficient with respect to the disclosure of economic interests by the membership of the City's boards and commissions and that the additional transparency afforded through the City's disclosure requirements are negligible and substantially outweighed by the administrative burdens associated with their implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City's disclosure requirements when applied to members of select boards and commissions has an adverse impact on recruiting and maintaining qualified members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to amend Sec. 2-185 to eliminate any obligation of the members of the boards and commissions to disclose their economic interests pursuant to local ordinance; and

WHEREAS, such amendment shall not, in any way, alter the obligations of any member of any board or commission required to disclose their economic interests pursuant to

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the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, nor relieve such member from their obligations under the laws of this State and the Ordinances of the City to conduct the business of the public fairly, impartially, lawfully, ethically, and in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that Sec. 2-185 of the Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON March 11, 2025

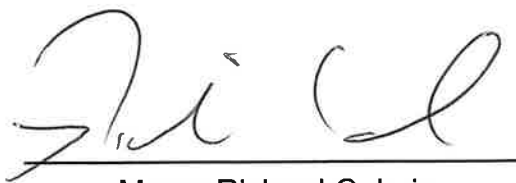
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ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Barreiro, Ward 1	Yes
Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2	Yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	Yes
Alderman Donnell, Ward 4	Yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	Yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	Yes
Alderman Tolliver, Ward 7	Yes
Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8	Yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	Yes
Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10	Yes
Alderman Laesch, At Large	Yes
Alderman Woerman, At Large	Yes

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk Maria Socorro Flores



Mayor Richard C. Irvin

1 **Sec 2-185 Disclosure Of Economic Interests And Campaign Finances**

2 (a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following
3 terms are defined as follows: *Covered person* means a person
4 required under Sec. 4A-101.5 of the Illinois Governmental
5 Ethics Act to file a verified written statement of economic
6 interests with the county clerk with respect to the city,
7 excluding those persons required to file such statement
8 because of ~~whose obligation to file such statement is~~
9 ~~conditioned solely upon~~ their candidacy for election to
10 public office in the city, or their membership on any board
11 or commission of the city.

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

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

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

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

16 (d) Frequency of disclosure; reporting period. The
17 disclosures required of covered persons under paragraph (c)
18 shall be made during the first fifteen (15) days of the months
19 of January, April, July, and October of each calendar year
20 and shall be made with respect to the three (3) months
21 immediately preceding each reporting period. Whenever city
22 offices are closed on the fifteenth day of a reporting period,
23 the reporting period shall be extended until the next date
24 that city offices are open.

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

6 (f) Manner of disclosure. All disclosures required under
7 paragraph (c) shall be made electronically in a manner and
8 format approved by the city clerk sufficient to capture and
9 preserve all of the information required under paragraph (c).

10 The city clerk is authorized to approve a reporting format
11 that allows a covered person to satisfy the obligations under
12 this section by confirming that the information previously
13 disclosed during the immediately preceding disclosure period
14 remains unchanged.

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

23 (h) Penalty.

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

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

12 (Code 1969, § 2-355; Ord. No. 090-15, § 1, 2-6-90; Ord. No. 091-
13 11, § 1, 2-19-91; Ord. No. 019-047, Exh. B, 7-23-19)