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**Text of Legislative File 19335**

**Fiscal Note**

No appropriation is required.

**Title**

Creating Section 33.01(9)(f) of the Madison General Ordinances to require all sub-units to include an agenda item at each meeting for ethics disclosures and recusals.

**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: Under Sec. 3.35(5)(f), MGO, of the City's Ethics Code, members of boards, commissions or committees (sub-units) of the City are required to make certain disclosures or abstain and not participate in certain matters. These involve situations of potential conflicts or other relationships that create a conflict of interest or would "reasonably be expected to impair her or his independence of judgment."

This ordinance would require that the agenda for all sub-units include a separate item for "Disclosures and Recusals." Member would, at that time, make any necessary disclosures or recusals in compliance with the Ethics Code.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Subdivision (f) entitled "Disclosures and Recusals) of Subsection (9) entitled "Minutes, and Rules of Procedures" of Section 33.01 entitled "Boards, Commissions, and Committees Procedures" of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

"(f) Disclosures and Recusals. Every sub-unit shall include an agenda item related to disclosures or recusals under the City's Ethics Code, Sec. 3.35(5)(f), MGO. Members of the sub-unit shall, at the time such agenda item is taken up, state any matters on the agenda for which they will abstain, or for which they believe a disclosure is required under the Ethics Code."