

To: Alderperson Tim Gruber
Common Council President Michael Verveer
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Please consider referring legislative file number 06493 to the Madison Election Advisory Committee. This is the proposed ordinance for impartial elections introduced by Alderperson Zach Brandon.

The charge to the Madison Election Advisory Committee includes

- “Monitor elections for optimal and appropriate accuracy, convenience, fairness, and legality.”
- “Recommend methods to maintain proper balance between the security of elections, the openness of the process, and the right to a secret ballot.”

This proposed ordinance affects the above items.

Among questions that the committee might raise are these:

- Does this conflict with state statute 7.30 (2), which gives political parties the right to name pollworkers?
- How extensive will the administrative burden be on the clerk’s office?
- Does section 3.47 (5) (c) of the Madison General Ordinances already imply that this type of activity is restricted for employees?
“No incumbent shall engage in or accept employment or render service whether compensated or uncompensated when such employment or service would impair or reasonably appear to impair her or his independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties.”

cc: Sybil Better, Chair, Madison Election Advisory Committee
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