

**CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN**

AN ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTED May 15, 2007  
REFERRED Ethics Board

Creating Section 3.35(8)(g) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish limitations on political and campaign activities of election employees.

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RULES SUSPENSION \_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLIC HEARING \_\_\_\_\_

Drafted by: Michael May

Date: May 14, 2007

SPONSORS: Ald. Brandon

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance amends the City Code of Ethics with respect to political activity. It limits the political and campaign activity of any person employed by the City who has responsibilities for elections. Under this ordinance, no person may work for the City with election responsibilities if they served as an officer or director of a political party, a political action committee, a conduit or a sec. 527 committee within 12 months of the election at which they would serve. In addition, no person may work for the City with election responsibilities within any aldermanic district where they were a candidate or an officer or director of a campaign committee within 12 months of the election at which they would serve.

A report of the City Attorney addressing legal issues regarding this ordinance is being prepared.

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

Subdivision (g) entitled "Limitations on Political and Campaign Activities of Election Employees" of Subsection (8) entitled "Political Activity" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" is created to read as follows:

- "(g) Limitations On Political And Campaign Activities Of Election Employees.
- 1. In order to assure that elections conducted under the authority of the City Clerk's office remain free from influence by persons with an interest in the outcome of the elections, the City of Madison adopts the following limitations on political and campaign activities of election employees.
- 2. Definitions. As used in this Subdivision (g):
  - a. "Election Employee" means any person working for the City of Madison whose duties include the oversight of the conduct of elections or the receipt or review of election filings such as nomination papers or finance reports.
  - b. "Political Activity" means any of the following activities:
    - i. Serving as an officer or director of a political party, or,
    - ii. Serving as an officer or director of a political action committee, a conduit or a sec. 527 committee.
  - c. "Campaign Activity" means any of the following activities:
    - i. Serving as an officer or director of a campaign committee, or,
    - ii. Being a candidate for election.
- 3. No person shall be employed by the City as an Election Employee if that person engaged in Political Activity within the twelve (12) months preceding the election. No person shall be employed by the City as an Election Employee in any Aldermanic District in which the person engaged in Campaign Activity within the twelve (12) months preceding the election."

**Approved as to form:**